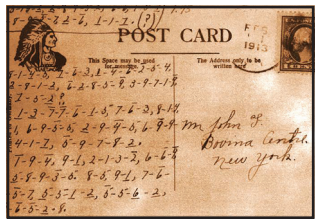


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Sidney zoning amended 'Flag' lots permitted

By Lillian Browne

SIDNEY - Sidney councilmembers held a special meeting Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 and adopted changes to its zoning law to permit "flag" lots to allow for economic development of back land areas under certain conditions.

A flag lot is created when no part of a property fronts on a public road except a narrow strip of land, usually a driveway. The proposed changes include requiring that the access strip be a minimum of 60 feet wide, increasing the mandatory flag lot size from one acre to five acres, mandating that no building larger than 120 square feet would be permitted on the access strip and having a minimum road frontage of 250 feet.

No more than one lot, or 20% of the lots, whichever is greater, in a residential subdivision can be flag lots.

No more than one residential dwelling shall be permitted per flag lot. A two-family residence is permissible if permitted in other sections of zoning.

The local law change takes effect once filed with the secretary of state.

There was no public comment and the changes were adopted unanimously.

Residents from the vicinity of Hamlet View Estates in Sidney Center, who are also facing subdivision concerns, were present at the meeting and told by councilmembers that the subdivision and its development will be discussed at future meetings of the planning and town boards.

Councilmembers also heard a presentation from the town's insurance carrier representative regarding cyber-security liability insurance coverage.

Several options for coverage were presented with the town ultimately approving \$1 million in coverage, from CRC Group, with an annual premium of \$2,781.04 and \$2,500 deductible.

Councilmembers also confirmed prior approval of the purchase of a tank with pump for the highway department. Prior approval was given for the purchase of a 500 gallon tank. The highway department will instead purchase a 725 gallon tank from Phelps Honey Wagon, in Dillsburg, Pa., at a cost of \$6,965. The purchase has been budgeted for.

The next meeting of the Sidney town council will take place Thursday, Jan. 5 at 7 p.m.

County should give PILOT to Delhi, Mayor says

Village budget cuts, increased taxes eyed for 2023-24

By Lillian Browne

DELHI - Delhi Mayor Sridhar Samudrala said he mispoke at a Dec. 1 paid parking public hearing when he stated SUNY Delhi shorted the village \$200,000 in "aid." The long time allocation, he clarified, was made as part of the state budget, but was discontinued two years ago when Senator Mike Martucci, a Republican, unseated former Senator Jen Metzger, a Democrat, in the 2020 general election. The \$200,000 was used, mostly, to fund the police department, Samudrala said. The police budget for 2023-24 is \$591,875, nearly \$57,000 more than the 2022-23 police budget.

Luckily, Samudrala said, the village received approximately \$150,000 in American Rescue funds, a one time payment from the federal government, that offset not just police department expenses, but the entire budget. Despite the infusion of unexpected revenue, the village budget had a \$50,000 shortfall, Samudrala said, made up for with an approximate 2% tax levy increase,

and by dipping into the village's reserve fund, or savings.

Paid parking, he said, is not something being proposed to address the lack of parking in Delhi; it's being proposed to increase revenue for the village which has been operating at a deficit for many years. The village does not have a parking problem, he said. It has a revenue problem.

The reasons for that are numerous, Samudrala said. Topping the list is the number of village properties, many county owned, which are tax exempt. Seventy-eight percent of properties located in the village do not pay property taxes, he said, but those property owners use services provided by the village.

He would like Delaware County to make a payment in lieu of taxes (PILOT) to the village, he said, and though he has requested meetings with Tina Molé, Delaware County supervisors' chairperson to discuss the issue, she has not responded to his requests. Likewise, he said, he has asked Delhi Supervisor Mark Tuthill to make the request to the county on behalf of the village, to no avail.

"This is not a parking problem. It's a revenue problem."

DELHI MAYOR
SRIDHAR SAMUDRALA



file photo

Delhi Mayor Sridhar Samudrala

"It is my intent to request, in writing, in the coming year, that they pay something to the village for services," Samudrala said.

He will also request the state

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Negotiations continue between Walton, Lactalis



Lillian Browne/The Reporter

Walton trustees hear from sewer plant operators about "spills" from Lactalis at a meeting held Jan. 3.

By Mel Steinbrecher

WALTON - Walton's wastewater treatment plant was issued an effluent turbidity violation Dec. 10, 2022, by the New York State Department of Environ-

mental Conservation, for being greater than 0.5 ntu (Nephelometric Turbidity Units) per limit, reported Shane Boice with Cedarwood Environmental Services, operator of the plant, at a trustee meeting held Jan. 3. The effluent turbidity rose above the limit again Dec. 31, 2022. The increased levels were accompanied by cloudy green clarifiers and succeeded by two events of milk fat being stuck to the walls of the plant's equalization tanks Dec. 9 and 22, 2022, he reported. The plant's clarifiers remain green to date.

Boice reported that emails were sent to Lactalis questioning whether they had lost any product, but no response was received. Lactalis, however, reported a 4,000 pound spill of product on Jan 2, Boice added.

Mayor Ed Snow explained

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Hamden historian retires, new position created

By Elizabeth DeFalco

HAMDEN - Following a no-comment public hearing regarding the creation of a deputy town historian position, Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield announced the resignation of long-time

town historian Loretta Foster at the town's year end meeting Wednesday, Dec. 28.

After 17 years of dedicated service, Foster regrettably submitted her letter of resignation. Foster and her husband, Marty Foster, will continue to volunteer their time as they are able to familiarize whoever will take

her place.

Foster's fondest memory through her time as historian was hearing the cheerful voices of first grade home-schooled students from Delhi and Bovina, she said, as they filled the one-room schoolhouse museum on East River Road. Foster was proud of the education she helped to provide to over 750 visitors to the schoolhouse museum through its five year life. "The recent field trips from the young students have been so rewarding. The schoolhouse sounded just as it would have 70 years ago," Foster said with a smile.

"You ought to be real proud of that facility and what you've done for it," Marshfield credited Foster, and suggested Foster's successor maintain regular hours at the schoolhouse museum to encourage spontaneous visitors.

Councilmembers unanimously authorized the creation of a deputy town historian position who will be tasked the same duties and powers, and to work with the historian, Marshfield said; or take on their role completely, in their absence, or in the case of a vacancy. The deputy historian will not be financially compensated, Marshfield stated, unless otherwise decided by councilmembers.

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Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield with Hamden Historian Loretta Foster Dec. 28.

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legislature restore the \$200,000 in aid allocated to municipalities that host a college.

In addition to that, he said, the village must reassess its finances to keep it “afloat.” Paid parking will help, he said.

Paid parking was just one idea that came about after researching other villages, like Cooperstown, which have implemented paid parking, he said. At first, Cooperstown did not want paid parking either, he said.

“Sometimes you have to make tough decisions for the benefit of the village - not just for individuals and institutions,” Samudrala said. He would like the village to prosper, he said, but not on the backs of taxpayers. “Raising taxes is not a solution in an already-hurting village.” Instead, he proposes to collect parking fees from those who work, attend court and shop in the village. It would be a “small price to pay” to park, use sidewalks and services, he continued.

In response to residents and business owners who opposed paid parking at the public hearing, Samudrala said, shorter parking times and enforcement are not feasible or cost effective. Revenue from parking fees or fines would be “minuscule,” he said. Other recommendations made by chambers of commerce and other groups have all been pre-

viously explored, he said. “We are still looking for new ideas,” he continued. “I welcome them and the board welcomes them.”

Until then, he said, all options are being considered, including budget cuts. “My budget is going to be cut and we are going to have to make hard choices in budgeting this year,” he continued. “I hate to do it.”

In order for the village to be self-sustaining, he said, budget cuts will have to be made, taxes raised, paid parking implemented and the county will have to give the village a payment in lieu of taxes.

“We have to make hard decisions. True leaders make hard decisions in hard times,” Samudrala said. The village’s reserve fund is dwindling, he said, and at some point in the next couple of years, the reserve fund, or savings, will run out, making budgeting even more challenging without significant cuts or tax increases.

He is aware, he said, that paid parking is an unpopular decision. “I am trying to get Delhi out of this situation. I am presenting a solution. Popular or unpopular.”

“We can’t dismiss an idea just because you don’t like it,” he said.

The next Delhi trustee meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m.

Walton organizes for 2023

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Walton councilmembers held their organization meeting Tuesday, Jan. 3 and made the following designations and appointments:

- *The Reporter* and *Daily Star* were designated official newspapers.
- WDLA was designated the official radio station.
- Wayne Bank was designated the official depository.
- Niles Wilson was appointed chairperson of the planning board.
- Stephen Hodge was appointed chairperson of the Zoning Board of Appeals.
- Penny Haddad was appointed assessor.
- Jon Henderson was appointed flood plain manager and code enforcement officer.
- Matt King was reappointed as zoning board of appeals member with a term to expire Dec. 2027.
- Gale Neale was reappointed to the planning board with a term to expire Dec. 2027.
- Ronda Williams was appointed records management

officers.

- Martin Way was appointed dog control officer.
 - Walter Geidel was reappointed FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) coordinator with a term ending Dec. 2023.
 - Michael Merwin was appointed highway department foreman for 2023.
- Councilmembers authorized the expenditure of \$500,000 for repair and maintenance of roads. With those funds, the following roads/portions of roads will be resurfaced: Bill Finch, Chase Brook, Tom DeMann, Wakeman Brook, Tuttle, Maple Top, Valley View, Houck Mountain, Tower, Walton Mountain, Bobs Brook, Murphy Hill, Davis, Gosper, Seely Wood Spur and Seely Wood. The expenditure, Highway Superintendent Jeff Offnick said, is expected to reflect allocations from CHIPs (Consolidated Highway Improvement Program), PaveNY and winter extreme weather allocations from the state.
- The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Walton town council is Jan. 9 at 6 p.m.

Interested in running for elected office?

The Delaware County Democratic Committee will hold an informational meeting for anyone interested in running for local office on the Democratic ticket. The event will be held Jan. 14 at Hamden Town Hall, 37029 State Route 10, Hamden from 2 - 4 p.m. Newcomers, life long Delaware County folk, boomers, millennials – all are welcome.

The event will offer an informal opportunity to meet

people who have run for office as well as those currently serving in local government. Information on the role of the town supervisor, town council member, town assessor and town justice will be explained as well as tips on petitioning and running an effective campaign.

Light refreshments and hot and cold drinks will be served.

For more information, visit dcnydems.org.

Temperature related building concerns heard in Delhi

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI – Delhi councilmembers briefly met for an end of year meeting Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022 to hear concerns of how cold temperatures affect the town pool and highway garage.

Councilmember Margaret “Peg” Baldwin and Supervisor Mark Tuthill explained the water heater begins to fail when the temperature is between 15 and 20 degrees, and the pool cannot maintain a set temperature. Consistent temperatures in the single digits, Baldwin explained, could cause the pool to freeze.

This happens every year, Tuthill said; a cold front causes concern for the pool. Baldwin suggested a call-chain be organized for events like this, as she

was a bit overwhelmed when the situation arose over the weekend. “The pool temperature dropped three degrees in one hour,” Baldwin said. For the time being, space-heaters will be used in the pool room to keep the water heater from failing in cases of extreme cold temperatures.

William “Bill” Cairns, councilmember, also reported a water leak above two mechanic bays in the town highway garage, detected Wednesday, Dec. 28. Cairns said the leak was likely caused by condensation in the attic. Once the attic was accessed, it was discovered everything stored in the attic was wet – including the insulation. The heated portion of the highway garage “gives off” moisture, Cairns explained, that goes into the insulation. Con-

sistent freezing temperatures followed by a warm day likely caused excess moisture, he said. The attic will be inspected by professionals as soon as possible, Cairns said.

Also discussed:

- Baldwin and Christina Viafore, councilmember, will assist with an audit of the town court’s finances, to be completed by Jan. 21.
- Councilmember Mathew Kryzton reported the Delaware Academy boys basketball team is currently ranked second in the state.
- The town ended the year with \$20,905.03 remaining in the budget.
- Delhi’s organizational meeting was held Tuesday, Jan. 3. Councilmembers will meet again for their regularly scheduled meeting Monday, Jan. 12.

Delaware County makes appointments, designations

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County supervisors met for their annual organizational meeting Wednesday, Jan. 4. The following designations and appointments were made:

- James Thomas was appointed commissioner of the Department of Public Works for a four-year term.
- Judith Garrison was reappointed Democratic election commissioner for a two-year term.
- Charles Piper was reappointed Veterans Services Agency Director for a two-year term at a salary of \$52,758. As director, Piper was also designated to oversee burial services for members of the Armed Forces and their families who do not have the means to fund a proper burial.
- Joseph Ermeti, public defender, was reappointed for a two-year term at a salary of \$180,000, an increase in salary of \$40,000 over 2022, in addition to on-call pay. Supervisors amended the 2023 budget to increase the salary of the part-time attorney position. The New York State Office of Indigent Legal Services reviewed the county’s public defender’s office 2023 budget, which the county allocated \$351,098 to, and determined an increase to the salary was necessary. Marshfield questioned if the funds were being used to supplement the additional \$40,000 included in Ermeti’s salary; most of the funds will be, Taggart confirmed.

to \$140,000 in 2022, and now it’s being raised to \$180,000, Marshfield continued. The department budget for the public defender’s office has gone from \$457,000 to \$671,000,” Marshfield said.

- Amanda Walsh, public health director, was appointed to a six-year term.
- Scott Glueckert, Stop DWI coordinator, was appointed to a two-year term.
- Stephen Hood, director of emergency services was ap-

three-year term to the Delaware County Industrial Development Agency.

- Matthew Gray and William Outsen were reappointed to the county planning board for a three-year term.
- Shepard was appointed to the health services advisory board, along with Supervisors Arthur Merrill, Eric Wilson, Joseph Cetta, Marshfield, and Dr. Rohan Jayasena, medical director.
- Supervisors Jeffery Taggart



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Delaware County Clerk Debra Goodrich, right, assisted by Clerk to the Board Penny Bishop, left, administers the oath of office to Delaware County Supervisors Chairperson Tina Molé on Jan. 4.

pointed to a four-year term.

- Wayne Shepard, Office for the Aging director was appointed to a two-year term.
- Carrara Knoetgen, personnel officer, was appointed to a term to expire April 27, 2025.

and James Ellis were reappointed to the soil and water conservation district board, along with Frank Bachler, who will serve a three-year term.

- John Campbell and Merrill were appointed to the tourism advisory board for a three-year term.
- Jamie Smith, Big Buddy coordinator for Delaware Opportunities, Jeff Staples, Meghan Starring, Pamela Hladik, and Marshfield were appointed to the youth bureau board for a three-year term.
- Designated the *Mountain Eagle* as the official Democratic newspaper; and the *Hancock Herald* as the official Republican newspaper.

Supervisors also:

- Transferred \$4,772,000 previously budgeted by the Department of Public Works for construction costs to replace the bridge over Little Delaware River on Arbor Hill Road, Delhi. Supervisors chairperson was authorized to request reimbursement for the project cost by the New York State Department of Transportation. The project cost will be reimbursed 80% by federal funds, and 15% by non-federal funds; the department will be responsible for the remainder.
- Expanded income qualifications for property owners 65 years or older to receive real property tax exemptions from between 20 and 50% to those with annual incomes between \$22,000 and \$27,999.



Elizabeth DeFalco/The Reporter

Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield, third from right, objected to the salary increase to \$180,000 per year for Delaware County Public Defender, for two years. Marshfield was the sole “no” vote to the increase in salary.

The public defender’s office budget was increased from State Aid Indigent Legal Services by \$56,845 with \$47,101 appropriated to personal services, \$6,141 to retirement, and \$2,920 to social security employment contributions.

Hamden Supervisor Wayne Marshfield was the sole “no” vote to the salary associated with the appointment, not to the appointment itself. “On behalf of the taxpayers of Delaware County, I will vote no,” Marshfield said.

The public defender’s salary was \$105,000 in 2020; raised

• Sylvia Armanno, Youth Bureau director, was appointed for a one-year term.

- Wayne Bank, Delaware National Bank of Delhi, National Bank and Trust Company, Key Bank, and JP Morgan were designated as official depositories.
- Dotti Kruppo, Dr. Christine Rackley, and MaryAnn Geraghty were reappointed to the community services board for a four-year term.
- Supervisor Wayland “Bud” Gladstone was reappointed to Cooperative Extension service.
- Bruce Dolph and Scott White were reappointed for a

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that no other manufacturer in the village can produce the type or quantity of product causing the turbidity issues. Cedarwood's report showed a significant drop in effluent turbidity and chemical use during Lactalis' shutdown during the week of Dec 11, 2022. More specifically, 10,000 gallons of sludge per day was reported over the weekend Lactalis was



Walton Mayor Ed Snow

not operating – compared to the 80,000 to 120,000 gallons per day the sewer plant reports while Lactalis is operating.

“The sludge production alone when they're online proves that they're 50-80% of the loading that's coming in,” said John Moffit of Cedarwood. December's findings follow numerous similar issues that occurred after unreported spills at Lactalis.

The village has lacked a contract with Lactalis since they have taken over the former Kraft facility, according to Snow, despite his efforts to formalize one. Snow stated Lactalis makes the same product Kraft did and the facility should be maintaining a similar flow, give or take a few thousand gallons.

Snow also reported the village awaits payment for Lactalis' outstanding sewer plant bills. Although the village recently received a “sixty-some thousand” dollar payment on Lactalis' outstanding \$80,000

October bill, and past fine fees have been paid, according to Clerk Jody Brown a total balance of \$98,000 remains unpaid.

Snow stated that the village is not profiting from Lactalis. Aside from the substantial increase in chemical and trucking fees caused by COVID, their rates are fair, he said. “They seem to think they can pay us what they want but they can't,” said Snow.

Trustee Steven Sehen said chemical costs for the wastewater treatment plant doubled last month to \$36,000. “We can't go on like that,” said Sehen.

Lactalis, whose Walton location employs over 100 people, faces a shutdown if that amount isn't paid by Jan. 26, per the recent letter sent to them by the village.

“None of us like to do this,” Snow stated, “but this is a lot of money and we have no choice.”

Snow explained that they have to shut off other sewer users within the village if they don't pay their bills, so they have to follow suit with Lactalis. Trustee Richard “Dick” Doig added that the outstanding \$98,000 will have to be paid and that if Lactalis does not pay it, the expense will be added to the bills of other sewer users. Snow roughly estimated that the negligent balance would cost each sewer user \$75 to \$100 more per quarter.

In a post-meeting interview, Christopher Bona, Lactalis USA spokesperson, said that Lactalis continues to negotiate in good faith with the village of Walton on a new wastewater services agreement. “We offered several reasonable proposals, all refused by the village without any explanation of any problems in the proposals,” Bona said. Lactalis expects to pay its fair share under a new

agreement, once reached, he continued.

Despite assertions by village representatives that there is no contract in place, Bona said, there is a contract in place which specifies payment amounts for wastewater services to be paid by Lactalis.

“Lactalis has made all payments for the amounts specified in the contract,” he said.

“Pay up or else.”
WALTON MAYOR ED SNOW SAID REGARDING LACTALIS' OUTSTANDING SEWER BILLS.

Bona said that although the village claims additional amounts are still owed by Lactalis, it is based on a the village's unilateral rate hike, which Lactalis has not agreed to. “Until we come to a new agreement with a mutually agreed rate, Lactalis will continue to pay the rates under the existing contract,” Bona said.

“The village has acknowledged that there is a valid contract each time it has alleged - wrongly, in Lactalis' opinion - that Lactalis has not conformed with the contract,” he continued.

“If the village follows through on its threats to shut off water services to Lactalis on Jan. 26, the village will have breached an enforceable contract. If that happens, Lactalis will take appropriate legal measures to protect its access to the wastewater services, as those are guaranteed under the contract,” Bona said.

In contrast to assertions by the village that Lactalis has not reported “spills” to the village, it has reported all major spills and will continue to do so, Bona said.

One issue Lactalis and the village are negotiating is how to define what a “major spill” is, such that it needs to be reported, he continued.

“Before this dispute, we discussed with Mayor Snow that we would continue to invest in the 110-year-old facility currently employing 127 people. In fact, the average daily load of wastewater at the plant has been reduced by 24% since 2019,” he continued. “It is our sincere hope to work collaboratively with the mayor and the village to keep our plant open and reach a mutually beneficial new agreement.”

In other news:

- A public hearing was held and income levels of older real property taxpayers receiving partial tax exemptions were expanded, allowing those making \$12,700 or less to receive a \$50,000 exemption, those making between \$12,701 and \$13,899 to receive a 45% exemption, continuing down in scale in like manner.

- Gale Sheradin with the Walton Theatre Preservation Association requested the board's permission to research alternate lighting options for the theater. Currently, the theater possesses permanent spotlights that require 20-foot stepladders for bulb changing or position moving. Sheradin received the board's approval to proceed with grant and engineer funding options.

- Bill Brown with Delaware Engineering reported Arold's Construction's completion of the village's I&I (influent and infiltration) study last month. Their findings included debris and “a fair amount” of I&I in multiple areas of the village, but specifically in a main extending across Delaware Street, the village green space and the river. Brown suggested those areas are a good location to look at for I&I repairs. Arold Construction's full report hasn't been received yet but will further explain the different repair options and estimates. Brown plans to present that to the village once received.

- Snow announced progress

on the multiple pending incoming businesses. The bowling alley and Gabby Ray's Diner are projected to open in February. Additionally, the process to open Dunkin' Donuts continues.

- The village will hold election at the village hall, 29 North Street, March 21 from noon to 9 p.m.

- Trustees approved Walton Central School's request for criminal justice students to shadow an officer for a day. This will take place Feb. 2 following retrieval of appropriate paperwork and parent permission.

- In December, Walton Police assisted other agencies 35 times, responded one harassment complaint, one identity theft complaint, three fraud complaints, one petit larceny complaint, two complaints of suspicious activity, one trespass complaint and two unattended deaths, among their activity. Police issued five traffic summonses, issued 28 parking tickets, made three misdemeanor and two felony arrests and conducted eight bank escorts.

- In December, five building permits were issued, 11 fire/safety inspections were conducted, 13 field inspection completed, three certificates were issued, four complaints were received, one notice of violation was issued and three certificate of occupancy searches were completed by the code enforcement officer.

- Department of public works plowed streets four times and applied salt nine times, repaired two street signs, began pickup of discarded Christmas trees; repaired two water meters, repaired two water mains, cut firewood and assisted with construction of new highway garage, among other work in December.

The next regularly scheduled Walton trustee meeting is Feb. 6 at 6 p.m.

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DelCo to notify property taxpayers of exemption expansion

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delaware County Finance committee members discussed plans for a county-wide mailing to inform residents of real property tax exemptions for those 65 years or older and fit within the eligible income guidelines at their first meeting of the year, Wednesday, Jan. 4. The guidelines provide a 20-50% real property tax exemption for property owners 65 years or older with an income, or combined income, of between \$22,000 and \$27,999.

Sherri Falcone, director of real property tax services for the county, reported the state passed a law Dec. 23, 2022, which requires municipalities to notify eligible taxpayers of the exemption within 30 days of the application deadline, March 1. To ensure the requirements are met, a mailing will be done before Jan. 29.

Falcone said she will contact ABS Printing Services to discuss pricing to send informational postcards to each real property owner; a notification must be sent to all county property owners. Committee Chairperson Arthur Merrill suggested the actual ceiling

for eligibility, \$27,999, should be included on the postcard to help reduce the number of calls that will be fielded by the assessor's office. "Each town's income guidelines are different so we can't include all the numbers," Falcone said. "We could likely include the maximum income, but aside from that we have to direct people to call their assessor's office."

The real property tax exemption can be issued to those also receiving STAR reduction in their school tax; receiving one exemption will not affect the other.

Also discussed:

- Merrill hoped to address the consistent use of credit cards in departments by drafting a memo to send to department heads. "We tried to encourage departments to use credit cards as infrequently as possible, but that seems to be falling on deaf ears," he said. Using credit cards is convenient, Merrill recognized, but it becomes increasingly difficult for fiscal affairs to trace the purchases and suggested payment vouchers be used instead.

The next finance committee meeting will be held Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 10:30 a.m.

Delhi organizes for 2023

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI - Delhi councilmembers met for their organizational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 3 and made the following appointments and designations:

- William "Bill" Cairns was reappointed deputy supervisor.
- Upon the recommendation of Highway Supervisor Daren Evans, Sean Acklery was appointed deputy highway superintendent.
- Sarah Poole was appointed chairperson of the zoning board of appeals.
- Josh Morgan was reappointed chairperson of the planning board.
- *The Reporter* was designated official newspaper.
- Kevin Rossley was reappointed to the planning board for a seven year term.
- Laura Mills was appointed deputy town clerk, tax collector, and responsible manging officer (RMO).
- Maggie Reinmann was appointed bookkeeper.
- Marianne Greenfield was reappointed town historian.
- Delaware National Bank of Delhi was designated the official depository.
- Kathleen Tofts was reappointed justice court clerk, and Laurie Burope, deputy justice court clerk.
- Allen Alwine was appointed court attendant.
- Dale Downin was reappointed code enforcement officer.
- Chris Bodo was appointed dog control officer.
- David Wakin was appointed as administrative assistant to the planning board.
- Regina Krzyston was reappointed as health officer.
- Elsa Schmitz was reap-

pointed as records management officer and registrar of vital statistics.

- Regular monthly meetings will continue to be held the second Monday of each month at 7 p.m.

Also brought before councilmembers:

Councilmember Margaret "Peg" Baldwin stated the pool advisory committee (PAC) has considered dissolving, uncertain that they have support from the town council, Baldwin said. The lack of certainty in support from councilmembers drags down morale of committee members, she said, and asked what councilmembers would like to see from the PAC moving forward, or if they should dissolve the committee. "I'm trying to keep the committee alive, Chris (Councilmember Christina Viafore) and I can't do it alone."

Councilmember Matthew Kryzton said he felt though the council has had its "ups and downs" with PAC, the volunteer work is important "and we'd struggle without them," he said. The work of the council is not at issue, Krzyston clarified, the communication between councilmembers and PAC members is the issue.

"It's like a marriage. Of course you're going to stick together, but you wonder, 'Why don't you be a little nicer? Why does it have to be so nasty?'" Krzyston said.

Baldwin and other councilmembers agreed to readdress the issue at the next town council meeting, and allow PAC to meet on their own before any decisions are made.

The next town council meeting will be held Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m.

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI – Delaware County Department of Public Works committee members discussed in-progress work and approved purchases during their first meeting of the new year, Wednesday, Jan. 4.

Commissioner Sue McIntyre reported landfill cell redevelopment is underway at the Delaware County Solid Waste Facility. The only item of substance from the project that remains incomplete is the redevelopment and installation of cell 4S, McIntyre said, which will be a double-walled, fiberglass underground storage tank.

The steel tank being replaced was originally installed in 1992, according to McIntyre.

The installation was originally scheduled for Dec. 15, 2022 but was delayed and is tentatively scheduled for Jan. 11, depending on the delivery schedule for the tank. "Because of supply chain issues, we're forcing the general contractor to confirm the tank is actually on the trailer and moving to us before we get anything started,"

DelCo landfill garbage cells redeveloped

McIntyre said, and confirmed aside from some last-minute plumbing work and excavation, the site is prepped for installation. The redevelopment of the garbage cell will extend the life of the landfill, McIntyre said.

Additionally, McIntyre updated committee members on the DPW structure being developed in Delhi.

Delhi's structure is nearing completion, she said, as final interior work has begun. Not much is left to be done with the exterior, aside from landscaping and fascia work, McIntyre stated; the big piece of the project to be completed will be to have Delhi Telephone Company bring fiber optics into the building so the servers can be relocated. "The network won't be placed until the final Sheetrock is done - they don't want to install while the dust level is high," McIntyre stated. The network must be up and functional to activate the emergency elevator call button and door lock system.

In other business:

- Committee members approved the purchase of a automotive diagnostic scan tool

Catskills Commerce Be the glue

By Ray Pucci

The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce and our family of businesses and organizations continue to bring power to our members and their thousands of employees. This power and confidence in our economic future start new businesses, grow our economy, and advocate for an improved quality of life in Delaware County.

But the real power is how members plug into the Chamber. As we start 2023, we have 359 members, including 45 new investors and a 90% renewal rate, representing over 10,000 employees! Over 760 people attended our 41 events. With nearly 26,000 newsletters opened, a social media reach of over 60,000 views, nearly 100 radio and television programs produced, and 61 videos published, the Chamber is effectively delivering our message of business unity and community prosperity.

The Chamber continues to lead initiatives to build more resilient communities. Understanding that transportation is often a barrier to sustainable employment, we partner with human service agencies, healthcare, transportation providers, government agencies, transportation consultants and others to recommend public transportation options in the county. We also manage the business operations of WIOX Community Radio, supporting the efforts of nearly 80 community volunteers who serve as program hosts and back-office staff to keep this important source of information and entertainment broadcasting. Our nine month Leaderful Delaware Emerging Leaders program prepares the next generation of civic leaders to drive community change. Much of what we accomplish is through collaboration. Working with Delaware Opportunities and over 30 businesses, government agencies and organizations, our annual campaign collected and distributed 2200 toys to Delaware County families.

Despite difficulties with county officials, we successfully lobbied the Delaware County Board of Supervisors

to reformulate the method to calculate county sales tax on fuel purchases, reducing the cost to business owners and consumers by nearly ten cents per gallon. Our relationships with state officials remain excellent and, working with business advocacy groups across New York state, we successfully lobbied Governor Hochul and the State Legislature to enact a program providing tax credit of 50% of qualifying expenses up to a maximum of \$25,000 in tax credits based on qualifying expenses of \$50,000.

As we look forward to 2023, our priorities for action are centered on three key areas - ADVOCATE, CONNECT, and GROW.

Effective advocacy is founded on accurate and substantiated information. The Chamber remains a locus for facts and primary resources on issues important to business owners. Toward that end, we will continue to engage elected and other public officials at all levels of government to ensure that input from business owners is included in public policy discussions. Also, as a trusted source of reliable information, we will continue to provide resources and contacts to members seeking assistance with municipal officials.

Connecting members to resources needed to expand, business recognition and promotion, and high-engagement networking opportunities are all ways we bring measurable value to Chamber members. We offer many valuable benefits that may be extended to member employees, aiding in staff retention. We will also create an Ambassador group dedicated to welcoming new members, engaging existing members, and making Chamber events more successful and enjoyable for everyone. Benefits of participation include meeting business and community leaders, chances to promote business and community growth, potential media coverage, as well as personal and professional recognition.

We leverage the knowledge of members, regional government, education, business, and non-profit stakeholders to address critical county needs with an eye toward improving our quality of life and support-

at a cost of \$9,269.95. This purchase was originally budgeted for \$16,000, McIntyre said. The scan tool is updated daily with current diagnostics so it's consistently functioning with the most updated system, McIntyre said.

- Committee members authorized the purchase of two Ford F250 pick-up trucks in the amount of \$51,478.64 each. The department had budgeted \$100,000 for the purchase, and though the cost is slightly above the budgeted amount, the pricing and timeline for delivery of the vehicles is "a smaller pain than if we waited," McIntyre said.
- The Catskill Mountain Scenic Byway is expanding, McIntyre said, following a resolution passed at the December 2022 meeting of the Middletown town council which included county Route 38 into the byway. "Off the top of my hat, I don't see anything of concern that would prevent us from regularly maintaining the road," McIntyre clarified.

The next meeting of the Delaware County DPW Committee is scheduled for Wednesday, Jan. 25 at 8:45 a.m.

ing business growth. In addition to continuing our efforts in exploring public transportation options and molding the next generation of civic leaders, the Chamber will actively connect employers with schools and students. We will strengthen business connections with local schools, including mentoring and shadowing experiences, advisory board participation, career day presentations, and promotion of Career Development and Occupational Studies (CDOS) Commencement Credential. Also, working with education, human service agencies, and other chambers, we will initiate a public conversation centered on removing barriers to employment for county residents. We will create resources for use by business owners and hiring managers on topics including Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging, Fair Chance Hiring, as well as Employee Mental Health and Well-Being.

Admittedly, this is an ambitious agenda. However, especially over the past two-plus years, our business community has stepped up to meet unexpected challenges. From workforce shortage to supply chain issues to inflation to economic downturns, change increased at an unprecedented rate. We all faced these challenges in big and small ways. The key factor, though, is that we often did it together.

It has become increasingly clear to me how much we need one another. How much we need networks and advocates. How #StrongerTogether is so much more than a tagline. It is the relationships, shared visions, and trust among individuals, teams, and organizations that holds us together.

You can choose to be the glue that sustains our communities. Joining the Chamber in its mission is a great first step.

Ray Pucci is the president of the Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. The Delaware County Chamber of Commerce believes that healthy communities begin with prosperous businesses. By taking action in key areas - ADVOCATE, CONNECT, and GROW - we are the unified voice of business for the improvement of our communities. Visit delawarecounty.org for more information.

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ATV sinks, tickets issued in Liv. Manor



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A retired New York State Forest Ranger reported an ATV broke through the ice on Wanaeta Lake in Willowemoc Wild Forest in Livingston Manor Dec. 20, 2022. NYS forest rang-

ers responded and issued tickets to two Pennsylvania residents for unauthorized motor vehicle use on state land. A tow company removed the ATV from the lake.

Lumber spilled in Meredith rollover



photo by Tim Murray, Delhi Fire Department

A flatbed truck carrying a load of lumber rolled over on state Route 28, Meredith, Thursday, Dec. 29.

MEREDITH - Delhi Fire Department responded to a report of a "salt truck" rollover Thursday, Dec. 29, 2022, at approximately 6:55 a.m. on state Route 28 in Meredith, approximately three and an half miles outside the village of Delhi, according to Fire Chief Tim Murray.

When firefighters arrived on scene they discovered a 53-foot flatbed truck fully loaded with lumber, on its passenger side. The truck driver self-extricated prior to firefighter arrival, and was uninjured, Murray said. Other agencies assisting at

the scene included New York State Police, New York State Department of Transportation and Gerster Triple E Towing, headquartered in Davenport Center. Delhi Fire Department was back in service by 8:30 a.m., Murray said.

New DelCo Judge sworn in



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Delaware County Judge John Hubbard, left, was sworn into office Jan. 4 at the Delaware County Courthouse in Delhi. Administering his oath of office is former Delaware County Court Judge Richard Northrup Jr. Hubbard filed his oath of office with the Delaware County Clerk Dec. 30, 2022.

— Police Blotter —

Incidents published in the Police Blotter come directly from reports provided by local law enforcement agencies. These reports are a record of the actions taken on a given day by these agencies. Nothing in the published blotter should be construed as a finding of guilt.

New York State Police

- **Michael W. Lopez**, 41, Stamford, was arrested by Stamford State Police Dec. 27, 2022 and charged with driving while intoxicated, aggravated driving while intoxicated, and endangering the welfare of a child. Lopez was issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Gilboa Town Court.

Delaware County Sheriff's Office

- **Damien Croley**, 23, Downsville, was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with suspended registration and stopping on highway. Croley was issued appearance tickets to answer the charges in Colchester Town Court.
- **Travis Kinch**, 41, Downsville, was arrested Jan. 2 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Kinch was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Colchester Town Court.
- **Preston Walker**, 26, and **Keisha Wright**, 26, both of Hancock, were arrested Dec. 20, 2022 on Vestal Town Court warrants for petit larceny. They were turned over to the Vestal Police Department.
- **Derrik Koehler**, 36, Walton, was arrested Dec. 31, 2022 and charged with suspended registration, uninsured motorist, improper plates, speed not reasonable and unregistered motor vehicle following a Dec. 11, 2022 motor vehicle crash in Walton. Koehler was issued traffic summonses to answer the charges in Walton Town Court.
- **Jeffrey P. Hall**, 68, Treadwell, was arrested Jan. 2 and charged with third-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle, operating a motor vehicle with suspended registration, unlicensed operator and failure to obey a traffic control device. Hall was issued tickets to answer the charges in Delhi Town Court.

Sidney Police Department

- **Michael H. Vogel**, 30, Delhi, was arrested Dec. 27, 2022 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.
- **Randy L. Condon Jr.**, 37, Sidney, was arrested Dec. 27, 2022 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.
- **Andrew J. Baker**, 36, Sidney, was arrested Dec. 29, 2022 on a Sidney Village Court warrant for failure to appear.
- **Anthony C. Fiorillo**, 45, Sidney, was arrested Jan. 1 and charged with criminal obstruction of breathing.

Walton Police Department

- **Nelson R. Gardner**, 43, Walton, was arrested Nov. 29, 2022 and charged with littering. He was issued an appearance ticket returnable to Walton Village Court.
- **Carolyn Covell**, 32, Walton, was arrested Dec. 4, 2022 and charged with second-degree aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle. Covell was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Walton Village Court.
- **Carlenna M. L. Tubbs**, 29, Walton, was arrested Dec. 4, 2022 and charged with grand larceny and unauthorized use of a motor vehicle. Tubbs was sent to the Delaware County Jail on \$20,000 bail.
- **Brandin VanTassel**, 26, Walton, was arrested Dec. 6, 2022 and charged with first-degree criminal contempt. VanTassel was sent to the Delaware County Jail on \$5,000 bail or \$15,000 bond.
- **John Fajardo**, 49, Yonkers, was arrested Dec. 20, 2022 and charged with driving while a suspended registration. Fajardo was issued an appearance ticket to answer the charge in Walton Village Court.

Walton rollover



Patty Wood/The Reporter

Walton Fire Department was dispatched to a rollover motor vehicle crash on South River Road on Dec. 31, 2022 at approximately 8:44 p.m. When firefighters arrived, Chief Frank Wood said, police were on the scene and reported there was no one in the vehicle. A tow truck arrived at approximately 10 p.m., and all units were back in service at 10:25 p.m., Wood said.

FCC Broadband Map YOUR RESPONSE NEEDED

What: The FCC has released a new map showing what broadband providers are available by address with speeds.

Who: Every New York State resident is strongly encouraged to go to the FCC website <https://broadbandmap.fcc.gov/home> to check the broadband provider information for accuracy. If the information is not accurate, the information should be challenged on that FCC website.

Why: The information on this FCC map will be used to determine what addresses are unserved and underserved with broadband. Funding from the federal government for broadband projects will be based on the information on this FCC map.

When: The deadline for submitting challenges online is **January 13, 2023.**

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Op Ed

January is cervical cancer awareness month

Nobody should die from cervical cancer

It's Cervical Cancer Awareness Month and the Cancer Services Program (CSP) of the Central Region wants to share some important and alarming information.

In New York, Black women are more likely than white women to be diagnosed with cervical cancer and to die from the disease. Recent findings from a U.S. study show that Black women are diagnosed with late-stage cervical cancer at a higher rate than white women. Late-stage cancer is cancer that has spread to other places in the body. Cervical cancer is much harder to treat in late stages with less than two out of 100 women surviving past five years.

This is especially alarming because cervical cancer can be prevented. Here is what everyone should know:

- Cervical cancer screening may save lives. Getting screened regularly can find the cells that lead to cancer so they can be removed before cancer grows. Screening also helps find cancer early when it may be easier to treat.
- Screening begins at age 21.

Everyone with a cervix ages 21 to 65 should be screened every 3 years with a Pap test. For some, using an HPV test may lengthen the time between screenings.

- You can get screened even if you do not have health insurance. The CSP provides free screening to people age 40 and older without health insurance who qualify. For people with insurance, most health insurers cover screening at no cost.

The good news is - in a recent survey, nearly 70% of women 21 and older said they'd be more likely to schedule their screening after learning why it's important to find cancer early.

The CSP hopes this information motivates people due for cervical cancer screening to call their healthcare provider or call CSP at 1-888-345-0225 to see if you qualify for a free cervical cancer screening.

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Weather Words with Frank Ward

2022 weather summary

Month	Liquid equivalent	Snow inches	Temperature
Jan.	1.81	17.5	16.1
Feb.	3.99	12.5	23.7
March	4.73	20.5	33.2
April	6.76	16.6	41.3
May	3.72	-	56.6
June	6.13	-	59.3
July	3.02	-	66.9
Aug.	3.96	-	68.1
Sept.	8.28	-	58.3
Oct.	1.93	-	46.7
Nov.	4.40	6.5	38.6
Dec.	4.37	21.10	26.9
Total	53.10	94.60	44.6
Normal Average	49.86	91.8	45.5
	+3.24	+2.8	-.9

"2022 was interesting weather wise. It was a dry January, and six weeks of drought during the summer, along with a dry October but incredibly wet April, June and September. So we ended, once again, over the average.

Over the years our average snowfall has dropped to essentially 92 inches, but that horrible snow in April, where most of us lost power for days, and this past December still put us over for the year. The year had more below average days than above average days so we ended the year down about one degree. You now know why I've been saying climate change - because even with the terrible drought in the west for the past 10 years, here we've been above 50 inches of rain for those same 10 years. The planet as a whole is warming up but the last three years here we've been below. So that's why real climate change needs 100 years of records to



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Walton Weather Observer Frank Ward

make the averages. In 2020 I removed 20 years in early 1900s and added in the time from 2000-2020 to update my averages. So less snow, but more moisture.

Early 1900s winters had 112-188 inches yearly, our new average is now 92 inches.

The National Weather Service had our precipitation at 46.4 inches when we've been having well over 50 inches for the past 10 years.

Remember, the planet has cycles that last hundreds of thousands of years. We're here, if we're lucky, 100 years. We don't live through any of the long cycles." ~ Frank Ward

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IT'S Academic

SUNY Delhi talks financial health amidst closures, NY college struggles

By Elizabeth DeFalco

DELHI – In a press release issued Dec. 7, Cazenovia College, a private college in Madison County, announced its closure after nearly 200 years, due to financial issues; no students will be enrolled for the fall 2023 semester. Amidst the announcement, citing pressure from inflation and a decline in enrollment, other New York colleges, including SUNY Delhi, report similar concerns.

SUNY Delhi College Council member Wayne Oliver, on Sept. 20, spoke about the financial status of the college, expressing concerns about its financial health, and ongoing efforts to decrease costs and increase

revenue, according to meeting minutes. “The deficit is a combination of two things – decline in enrollment and personnel costs. An increase in personnel headcount over time has led to most of the fiscal challenges that we face,” Oliver stated.

Mark Sullivan, vice president of marketing and enrollment, also attributed the college’s financial position to the Covid-19 pandemic, “which hurt all colleges and universities,” he added, as well as a changing demographic in the state – causing a decline in enrollment.

The college will tighten spending by limiting use of credit cards, the minutes state, as well as allowing Sullivan and Officer-In-Charge Dr. Mary

Bonderoff to make connections with politicians and community members to address the issues.

Bonderoff reiterated the importance of self-regulation in order for the college to avoid a receivership with SUNY Central. A receivership, according to the New York State Education Department’s website, is an agreement in which a college receives an emergency loan while remaining under close supervision of the state to ensure identified sources of deficit are addressed.

“A receivership is kind of a safety net for SUNY schools that need the support,” Sullivan said, “It’s good to have the SUNY system to support the colleges like that.”

At this time, SUNY Delhi is not in a receivership, Sullivan confirmed, “but the future is a little unclear.” Should the college enter a receivership, Sullivan said there would be no impact to students or their education.

The college will continue efforts to increase enrollment by expanding their footprint

in New York City and western New York, as well as sending college counselors on the road to high schools and community colleges to recruit students.

Fortunately, an increase in incoming applications, as well as early tuition deposits, have created excitement around the fall 2023 semester for the college, Sullivan said.

Adult ed classes in Hancock

SUNY Broome will hold adult education courses at the Hancock High School this coming semester. The courses are \$129 each and will be taught by Robert Glydon. There will be two courses this semester. The first course, Absolute Beginner, is for new computer operators. They will be held Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 6 - 8 p.m. Jan. 31, Feb. 2, 7 and 9.

The second course, Beginner Excel, will be held Tuesday and Thursday from 6 - 8 p.m. March

7, 9, 14 and 16.

Those interested can register for the courses by using the online catalogue at SUNY Broome: campusce.net/sunybroome/course/course.aspx?catid=103 - the classes are offered at the bottom of the listings; or call 607-778-5012.

Payment is required at the time of registration. If you register by phone, specify you want to attend the Hancock classes.

Registration begins Jan. 9.

Walton CS facilities committee meets Jan. 11

There will be a facilities committee meeting Monday, Jan. 11 at 5 p.m. in the boardroom in the O’Neill High School. Masks are optional for those in attendance.

Walton CS board meeting Jan. 17

The Walton Central School District Board of Education regular business meeting scheduled for Jan. 3, 2023 has been canceled. The next regular meeting of the board of education regular meeting will be Tuesday, Jan. 17.



Patty Wood/The Reporter

Walton’s Townsend Elementary School held spirit week before the December holiday break and on “Snowman Day,” students got a special surprise visit from Olaf, the snowman from “Frozen.” Pictured with him are kindergarten students Caysin Barnhart, Jana Ballard, Emelia McGraw, Rhemie Roloson, Carly Thomas, Dominick Williams and Warner Kingsbury.

ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

Ogden Library activities for new year

Happy New Year from your friends at Ogden Library. January is a time of light and darkness. Celebrate the darkness with mysteries and thrillers. Check out a book from the display and be entered to win Quirkle, a family-friendly board game to chase away the winter blahs.

This is a great month to embrace puzzles and games. If you enjoy puzzles, enter the second annual jigsaw puzzle tournament Jan. 28. If word searches are up your alley, check the January challenge - Solve it! To enter, check out a book from this month’s display and find a word in the word search located by the circulation desk. The winner, picked Jan. 31, will win a Quirkle board game. To learn a new game, the Mahjong group meets Thursdays at 5:30 p.m.

Winter is also a great time for crafting. Martha Ma will join us Thursday, Jan. 12 for Bead It, an evening of jewelry making. Or, come for Crafterwork Jan. 19 to make book page wreaths using Mason lid jars. The knit & crochet group meets Tuesdays and beginners are welcome.

Younger patrons will enjoy a book reading by local author Mel Steinbrecher Jan. 14. Steinbrecher will read her new book, “Becoming Sawyer,” followed by refreshments and a book signing. Kids can also join the fun at LEGO Club - the challenge is to build with their eyes closed. At the Jan. 21 monthly teen meeting, teens will make lavender bath bombs. To discuss books or movies, come for the monthly book & film chat Jan. 17 or the book club Jan. 25.

Children and teen programs

Storytime: Fridays, 10:30 a.m. Join Amber (lower level) for rhymes, songs and stories to entertain your littles! Each meeting includes a craft.

Author reading and signing by Mel Steinbrecher, Saturday, Jan. 14, 11 a.m. “Becoming Sawyer.” Following the reading, there will be an opportunity to purchase the book, and refreshments.

Lego Club: Friday, Jan. 20, 3:30 p.m. Kids - grades K-5 - gather on the lower level. Legos are provided with a challenge to make something with closed eyes. Creations will be displayed.

Teen Meeting: DIY Lavender Bath Bombs: Saturday, Jan. 21, 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. This monthly event is for grades 6+. Come melt away your stress with DIY lavender bath bombs. All craft supplies and a pizza lunch are provided - free. Bring friends!

Adult programs

Knit and Crochet Group: Tuesdays, 3 p.m. Gathering on the main floor for yarn crafts and conversation. Bring the project you are working on and enjoy conversation as you work.

Mahjong: Thursdays, 5:30-7:30 p.m. for everyone who loves to play or wants to learn. Bring a friend or come alone. All skill levels welcome; main floor.

Bead It!: Thursday, Jan. 12, 6:30 p.m. An evening of jewelry making with a variety of beads in all shapes, sizes and colors. Materials and tools to make necklaces, bracelets, or earrings will be provided. No experience necessary. Limited to 12 participants so sign up early. (for teens and up)

Book and Film Chat: Tuesday, Jan. 17, 3 p.m., lower level. Share reviews of the titles read and watched. The group enjoys a range of genres and interests. Everyone welcome; come add your recommendations.

Crafterwork, Thursday, Jan. 19, 6:30 p.m. Adults are invited to the library for an evening of

crafting. Participants will make a book page wreath using Mason jar lids. Materials are provided.

Book club discussion: Wednesday, Jan. 25, 7 p.m., lower level. The book this month is “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Robin Wall Kimmerer ©2020. As a botanist, Wall Kimmerer has been trained to ask questions of nature with the tools of science. As a member of the Citizen Potawatomi Nation, she embraces the notion that plants and animals are our oldest teachers. In Braiding Sweetgrass, Kimmerer brings these two lenses of knowledge together. To reserve a copy, call the library at 607-865-5929, or visit www.4cls.org

Second annual jigsaw puzzle tournament: Saturday, Jan. 28, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Each team will receive an identical mystery puzzle sealed in a box. The first team to complete the puzzle (or the team with the fewest pieces remaining after two hours) wins a trophy. Teams are allowed up to four players. The tournament is geared toward adults, but teams may have members age 12 and up. Each team must register for the event (have a team name ready). Limit - 8 teams.

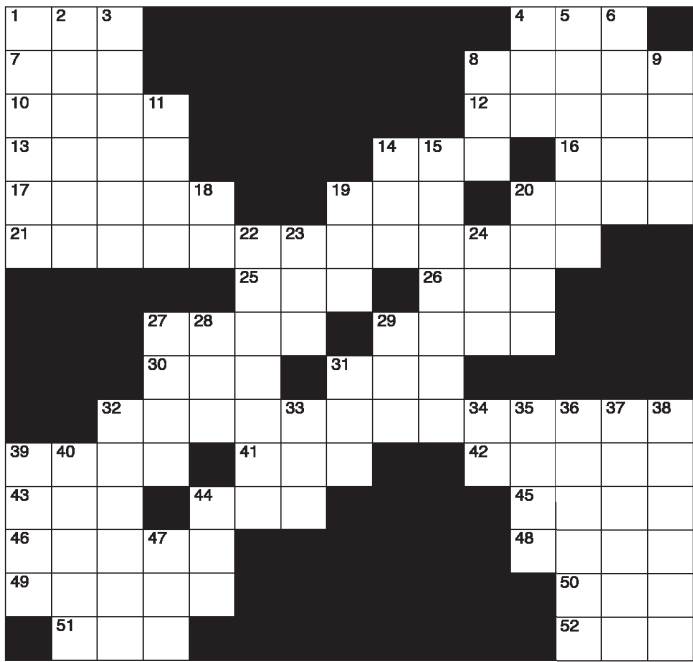
Library announcements

Board of Trustees meeting: Tuesday, Jan. 24, 7 p.m. at the library. The public is encouraged to attend.

Coming soon: second annual tiny art show.

Starting the week of Jan. 15, take-home kits will be available which contain acrylics, brushes and a tiny canvas. Pick one up, paint whatever you are inspired to paint, and return the finished canvas to the library by Jan. 31. Art will be displayed during February.

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CLUES ACROSS

1. Basics

4. Swiss river

7. Constrictor snake

8. Building occupied by monks

10. Discount

12. Deal a blow to

13. Relating to the ear

14. Thyrotropin

16. Loud, unpleasant noise

17. Large intestines

19. Move with a curving trajectory

20. Witnesses

21. You need both to live

25. Dash

26. Network

27. Dig

29. C. European river
30. Supplement with difficulty

31. Corporate executive

32. Carroll O’Connor’s onscreen wife

39. No variation

41. Airborne (abbr.)

42. “Heidi” author

43. Affirmative

44. Pie ___ mode

45. W. Asian country

46. Grotesque or bizarre

48. Delicacy (archaic)

49. Textile

50. Denial

51. Electronic data processing

52. Attempt

CLUES DOWN

1. Engulf

2. Waterside hotel

3. Printed cotton fabric

4. Defensive nuclear weapon

5. One who follows the rules

6. Lace up once more

8. Fire byproduct

9. Hankerings

11. Outer

14. One-time aerospace firm

15. Seafood

18. Commercial

19. Epoxy hardener (abbr.)

20. Samoan monetary unit

22. Type of gland

23. Arrest
24. Check

27. Past participle of be

28. Alias

29. Major division of geological time

31. Kids programming channel (abbr.)

32. Joked

33. Helps little firms

34. Roman numeral 50

35. Impressive in size or scope

36. Domineering leader

37. A person who delivers a speech

38. One after 89

39. Young hawk

40. The scene of any event or action

44. A team’s best pitcher

47. Integrated data processing

Solution to last week’s puzzle on page 12

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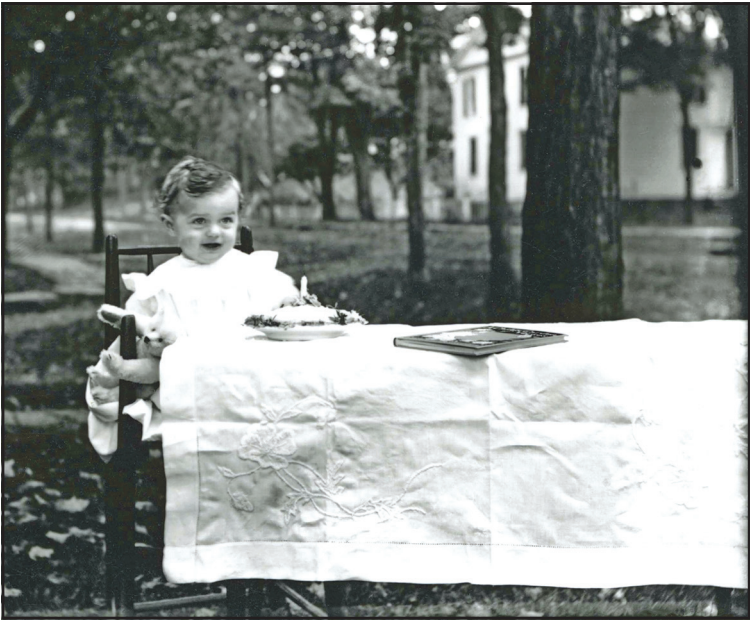
Desserts and Diaries at DCHA Jan. 28

Go to the Delaware County Historical Association (DCHA), 46549 NY-10, Delhi, on Saturday, Jan. 28, and enjoy an afternoon of sundry and delectable delights.

At 2 p.m. members of the museum staff will begin reading from a variety of historic diaries and narratives – all drawn from the museum's collections. While guests relax and listen to the readings, they will be encouraged to enjoy an array of sumptuous desserts. Tea and coffee will also be served.

Excerpts that will be presented include those from the diaries of Uriah Edwards (travels through Delaware County), Joseph Ells (Harpersfield), Fannie Riggs (Meridale) and Charles Bennett (Franklin). Additional journals, newspaper articles and letters will introduce audience members to the lives of William Woodhouse (Delhi) and the Knapps (Meredith), and more.

Warning: This event is not



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recommended for those embarking on a New Year's weight loss regimen. However, it is recommended for those looking to spend an afternoon having fun while learning more about our ancestors who once lived in Delaware County. To enjoy

this delectable, decadent afternoon, reserve your space by Jan. 26; snow date Feb. 4.

Cost is \$10 per person.

Call DCHA at 607-746-3849 or e-mail dcha@delhi.net to reserve or for more information.

Music on the Delaware Coffeehouse: Milonovich and Anderson



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Music on the Delaware is excited to bring Sara Milonovich and Greg Anderson (of Daisycutter) to the Walton Theatre Coffeehouse Jan. 15. The live concert will run from 6 – 8 p.m. and is free; donations aer accepted. The entertainment will be available for home viewers at us02web.zoom.us/j/84455407805.

For more information, see www.musiconthedelaware.org.

The duo will perform a concert of mostly original songs, many from Sara's most recent solo release “Northeast,” which has received high praise from the music world.

For more information go to

www.saramilonovich.com or her Facebook page: www.facebook.com/daisycuttermusic

Sara is @daisycutter on Instagram and @SaraMilonovich on Twitter. Audio can be streamed from Bandcamp, at [Saramilonovich.bandcamp.com](https://saramilonovich.bandcamp.com).

Upcoming Coffeehouse concerts include Bill Seneschal Feb. 19, (folk and country); Linda Hickman & Iris Nevins March 19 (traditional Irish); Barn Paint Blue April 16 (traditional/progressive bluegrass); and Bea Summers & Barb Acker (The B's) May 21 (classic country, country rock, folk, and originals).

Creative non-fiction workshop starts Jan. 21

Moore teaches “Writing for the Archive”

Living Archive Project (LAP) organizers announce “Writing for the Archive,” a six-part writing workshop hosted by author Anne Elizabeth Moore. Sessions will take place at Headquarters Arts Center in Stamford on the third Saturday of each month beginning Jan. 21 and concluding June 17.

This is the first of many workshops that will take place over the next year and-a-half and across the northern Catskills from Oneonta to Catskill.

The workshop will provide students with prompts and guidance as they use creative nonfiction, comics, and journalistic tools to tell stories about life in the Northern Catskills. Participants will acquire basic nonfiction writing skills, increase their confidence in sharing written content with peers, and develop critique and editorial skills.

Tuition for “Writing for the Archive” is donation-based with a recommended full tu-

ition of \$250 (or more). LAP believes this program must be accessible to anyone interested in attending. Those who can donate more help cover the costs of those who can donate less.

To register and learn more about the Living Archive Project visit www.livingarchive-catskills.org. LAP is a program of Prattsville Art Center made possible by funding from a Creatives Rebuild New York Grant.

Sidney Library programming through Jan. 19

The Sidney Memorial Public Library has released its scheduled events through Jan. 19. Call the library at 607-563-1200 to register for programs and activities, or with questions regarding programs. Call the Masonville Branch Library, 607-265-3330, for questions or to register for events there.

During January and February artists Ed DeForest and Janet Vance will exhibit their work in the Smart Community Room. DeForest's art is inspired by nature. He often uses unusual materials like discarded sheet music, buttons and found objects in his creations. Vance loves to use lots of color in her mixed media artwork. She likes to experiment with the effects that objects like scrub brushes and sponges can make.

Tuesday, Jan. 3

10 a.m.: Story Time theme - Snowflakes. Fun with stories, songs, rhymes and a craft.

10:45 a.m.: Music for Munchkins. “Percussion Party!” is the

theme. Come on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. A story and a bouncing, dancing, good time as we sing and play instruments.

2:30-3:15 p.m.: Zoom Lego Club: All age builders! New Lego challenges weekly selected by Miss Cassandra. Builders can share their Lego Masterpieces. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95009586932>

3:15-4:30 p.m.: In-person Lego Club. All age builders! Put your creativity to the test and build a masterpiece. Free build or receive a challenge from Miss Cassandra. Participants might display their masterpiece in the case for one week.

5-6 p.m.: Open Tech Hour at Masonville Library; call to register for a 30 minute-appointment.

Wednesday, Jan. 4

3:30-5 p.m.: Teen Club for those in grades 7-12. Crafts, games, computer fun - this is a place for Teens to hang out and get creative! Don't forget, we always have snacks.

5:30-7:15 p.m.: Open Tech Hours. Registration required for those struggling with phones, laptops, or tablets. Stop or call to register.

Thursday, Jan. 5

3-4:30 p.m.: Crafts & Creations w/Miss Cassandra: Clay Pot Gingerbread House. An in-person program designed for school-aged children with crafts, STEAM, and other activities. Different craft/activity weekly.

Friday, Jan. 6

3-4:30 p.m.: Tween Club for those in grades 5-7. Crafts, games, computer fun and more - a place for the tweens to hang out and be creative.

Saturday, Jan. 7

10:30 a.m.-1 p.m.: Friends of the Libraries Books a la Carte sale - every first and third Saturday in the library's main lobby.

11 a.m.: StoryTime with Raggedy Reader at the Masonville Library. Stories about winter animals, songs and a craft. Pre-registration not required.

12-1 p.m.: Open Tech Hour at Masonville Library; call to register for a 30 minute-appointment.

Monday, Jan. 9

1-3 p.m.: Open Tech Hours. Registration required for those struggling with phones, laptops, or tablets. Stop or call to register.

3-4:30 p.m.: Minecraft Club (ages 8-17) Participants will join the Library's Private World and participants will help complete objectives/create. If the class is full, participants might play at the Osmo station or with Robots Dash & Dot.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

10 a.m.: Story Time theme - Penguins! Stories, songs, rhymes and a craft.

10:45 a.m.: PreK Library Learners theme - Polar Bears! Your child will learn while having fun with books, songs, rhymes and more.

2:30-3:15 p.m.: Zoom Lego Club: All age builders! New Lego challenges weekly selected by Miss Cassandra. Builders can share their Lego Masterpieces. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95009586932>

11:30 a.m.: Friends of the Libraries Book Group meets on the second Tuesday each month at 11:30. The group will read and discuss “I Found You” by Lisa Jewell. New members always welcome.

3:15-4:30 p.m.: In-person

Lego Club. All age builders! Put your creativity to the test and build a masterpiece. Free build or receive a challenge from Miss Cassandra. Participants might display their masterpiece in the case for one week.

4:30 p.m.: Board of Trustees meeting. All members of the community are welcome to attend.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

11 a.m.: Pre-K STEM Theme: Build an Igloo. This program involves your child in exploration and experimentation to encourage their curiosity.

3:30-5 p.m.: Teen Club for those in grades 7-12. Crafts, games, computer fun - this is a place for Teens to hang out and get creative! Don't forget, we always have snacks.

5:30-7:15 p.m.: Open Tech Hours. Registration required for those struggling with phones, laptops, or tablets. Stop or call to register.

Thursday, Jan. 12

3-4:30 p.m.: Crafts & Creations w/Miss Cassandra: STEM: Marshmallow Snowflakes. An in-person program designed for school-aged children with crafts, STEAM, and other activities. Different craft/activity weekly.

Friday, Jan. 13

3-4:30 p.m.: Tween Club for those in grades 5-7. Crafts, games, computer fun and more - a place for the tweens to hang out and be creative.

Saturday, Jan. 14

1 p.m.: Second Saturday Movie – The Woman King. This movie is rated PG-13 and has a run time of 2 hours and 14 minutes.

Tuesday, Jan. 17

10 a.m.: Story Time. Today's theme - Quilts. Fun with sto-

ries, songs, rhymes and a craft.

10:45 a.m.: Music for Munchkins. Song and Dance - theme for today's program. Come on the first and third Tuesdays at 10:45 a.m. A story and a bouncing, dancing, good time singing and playing instruments.

2:30-3:15 p.m.: Zoom Lego Club: All age builders! New Lego challenges weekly selected by Miss Cassandra. Builders can share their Lego Masterpieces. Zoom link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/95009586932>

3:15-4:30 p.m.: In-person Lego Club. All age builders! Put your creativity to the test and build a masterpiece. Free build or receive a challenge from Miss Cassandra. Participants might display their masterpiece in the case for one week.5-6 p.m.: Open Tech Hour at Masonville Library. Call 607.265.3330 to register for a 30 minute-appointment.

Wednesday, Jan. 18

3:30-5 p.m.: Teen Club: Teens Cook Series (must be registered already)

6-7 p.m.: Adult Trivia Night: Join us on the fourth Wednesday of each month at 6 p.m. for in-person Trivia Night. Expect four rounds of 10 questions, each round a different topic. Compete individually or in teams of up to six players. Winner(s) will be announced at the end of each round and a grand prize winner at the end of the game!

Thursday, Jan. 19

3-4:30 p.m.: Crafts & Creations w/Miss Cassandra: Artist spotlight: Andy Warhol. This program has been designed for school aged children with Crafts, STEAM, and other activities. Different craft/activity weekly.

Answers From Preceding Week

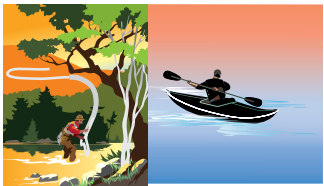
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OUTDOOR LIFE



2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge

Challenge encourages hikers to visit six fire towers

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced the 2023 Catskills Fire Tower Challenge to highlight the world-class tourism destinations and recreational opportunities in the Mid-Hudson region.

For nearly a century, observers watched the forests of New York - including the Catskill and Adirondack forest preserve - from more than 100 fire towers perched atop the highest peaks, searching for the dangerous, telltale signs of forest fires.

The Catskills Fire Tower Challenge encourages experienced hikers to visit the region's remaining fire towers located on Balsam Lake Mountain (Hardenburgh), Hunter Mountain (Hunter), Overlook Mountain (Woodstock), Red Hill Mountain (Denning), and Tremper Mountain (Shandaken), along

with the Upper Esopus Fire Tower at the Catskills Visitor Center. The Upper Esopus Fire Tower allows visitors who may not otherwise be able to undertake the challenging hike of several miles to experience a fire tower on the high peaks in the Catskills.

Stewardship of the fire towers is a partnership with the Catskill Center for Conservation and Development. The Catskill Center, through the Catskill Fire Tower Project, manages six fire towers in the Catskill Park for public access and interpretation under a volunteer stewardship agreement with DEC. Dedicated volunteers help maintain and staff each of the fire towers on weekends and holidays throughout the summer and fall seasons. For more information about the Catskills and to experience the newest and easiest to reach fire tower in the region, the Up-



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DEC Fire Tower Challenge
Balsam Mountain

per Esopus Fire Tower, consider a visit to the Catskills Visitor Center on Route 28 in the heart of the Catskill Park.

To participate in the challenge, hikers must hike to all six DEC-owned fire towers in the

Catskills between Jan. 1, and Dec. 31, 2023. Once completed, participants submit a log of their completed hikes along with a favorite photo or selfie via a web form or to the designated email CatskillsChallenge@dec.ny.gov. Entries must be postmarked by Jan. 7, 2024.

All participants who complete the challenge will receive a letter and a commemorative Catskills Fire Tower Challenge patch designed with the 2023 completion year. The first 1,000 finishers will also receive a one-year subscription to DEC's Conservationist magazine. Upon completion, finishers will also be able to download a customizable certificate and will be eligible to win prizes after the challenge period is closed. To promote responsible recreation, DEC will offer a bonus prize entry to finishers who also submit a photo of themselves practicing Leave

No Trace™ while participating in the Catskills Fire Tower Challenge (e.g., picking up litter, carrying out, planning and preparing for their hikes, staying on trail).

New for 2023, finishers who completed the challenge multiple times will receive an additional commemorative Catskills Fire Tower Challenge prize.

With DEC giving participants a full year to complete the challenge, hikers can take their time. Hikers are reminded to practice Leave No Trace™ principles and to Love Our NY Lands by recreating safely, sustainably, and hiking in suitable conditions based on weather and experience level.

For more information about the fire towers and challenge rules, visit DEC's website.

Advanced Clean Cars II Rule for new passenger cars and light-duty trucks

All new cars, pickup trucks, and SUVs sold in New York to be zero-emission by 2035

New York State Department of Environmental Conversation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced the adoption of new requirements to reduce climate-altering greenhouse gas emissions and air pollution from the transportation sector. The Advanced Clean Car II regulations will require all new passenger cars and trucks sold in New York state to be zero-emissions by 2035. This step will accelerate zero-emission car sales, resulting in improved air quality statewide, particularly in communities disproportionately impacted by transportation-related pollution.

The Advanced Clean Cars II rulemaking supports New York's ambitious work of reducing greenhouse gas emissions by 85% by 2050 from 1990 levels, as outlined in the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act). The regulation requires an increasing percentage of new light-duty vehicle sales to be zero-emission vehicles (ZEV) each year, starting with 35% ZEV sales in model year 2026, leading to 100 percent ZEV sales by 2035. Advanced Clean Cars II also includes revised pollutant standards for model year 2026 through model year 2034 passenger cars, light-duty trucks, and medium-duty vehicles

with internal combustion engines. The regulation provides manufacturers with flexibility to meet the emission requirements and help advance a successful transition to cleaner vehicles.

Adoption of Advanced Clean Cars II is included among the recommendations in the Climate Action Council's recently released Scoping Plan and will be instrumental in achieving the greenhouse gas emissions reductions required in the Climate Act. On Dec. 19, 2022 New York State's Climate Action Council adopted the Scoping Plan, which outlines recommended policies and actions to help meet the Climate Act's goals and requirements. The plan was the culmination of more than three years of collaboration, including contributions from the Council's Advisory Panels and Working Groups, since the enactment of the Climate Act in 2019.

Reducing transportation-related emissions in this rulemaking will provide significant air quality benefits, including progress to reduce ozone, for many of New York's disadvantaged communities that are predominantly home to low-income Black, Indigenous, and People of Color, and often adjacent to transit routes with heavy vehicle traffic. The newly

adopted regulation will help health and pollution burdens affecting these communities.

Also announced, New York appliance and equipment standards under the advanced building codes, Appliance and Equipment Efficiency Standards Act of 2022 was adopted on Jan. 1, to set minimum energy and water efficiency requirements for residential and commercial products that will save consumers \$264 million annually on utility bills by 2035, with \$85 million benefiting low- to moderate-income households. The standards ensure performance and quality to phase out poor, inefficient and wasteful products while reducing energy and water consumption to limit 807,000 metric tons and save more than 25 billion gallons in annual water by 2035 to help meet New York's nation-leading emissions reduction goals under the Climate Act.

The regulatory action builds on New York's ongoing efforts to reduce emissions of greenhouse gases, including the adoption of the Advanced Clean Trucks regulation in December 2021. That regulation will drive an increase in the number of medium- and heavy-duty ZEV models available as purchase options for vehicle purchasers and fleets.

Both the Advanced Clean

Trucks and Advanced Clean Cars II rules will provide needed regulatory certainty to support a stable market for long-term vehicle purchasing decisions and the development of ZEV charging infrastructure.

New York is investing more than \$1 billion in ZEVs of all weight classes over the next five years. Active light-duty vehicle initiatives include zero-emission vehicle purchase rebates through NYSEERDA's Drive Clean Rebate Program, zero-emission vehicle and charging infrastructure grants through DEC's Climate Smart Communities Municipal Grant Program, as well as the "EV Make Ready" initiative, NYPA's EVolve NY charging infrastructure program, and DOT's National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure (NEVI) charging infrastructure program to help expand electric vehicle use.

In addition to the Advanced Clean Car II regulations, New York incorporated California's Heavy-Duty Low Nitrogen Oxide Omnibus and Phase 2 Greenhouse Gas standards under a separate rulemaking. The Heavy Duty Omnibus regulation requires medium- and heavy-duty engine manufacturers to sell new, cleaner vehicles (e.g., heavy-duty trucks) that meet more stringent NOx and particulate matter emis-

sions standards, beginning with engine model year 2026. The regulation also includes revised test procedures and longer useful life and warranty requirements for applicable medium-and heavy-duty vehicles compared to current federal requirements. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) recently finalized new clean-air standards for heavy-duty trucks beginning with the model year 2027. New York's NOx emission standards for heavy-duty engines, when fully implemented, would be more stringent than the recently announced national standards.

DEC is implementing the regulations through an emergency rulemaking and also making the regulations available for public comment. Advanced Clean Cars II regulations will be available for public comment until March 6 and a virtual public hearing on the measure will be held on March 1. The Heavy Duty Omnibus regulation will be available for public comment until March 6 and a virtual public hearing will be held on Feb. 28. More details about the regulations, registering for the public hearings, and details on submitting public comments can be found in the state register and on DEC's website.

DEC implements Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos has announced the release of the 2022 Statewide Greenhouse Gas Report. The report details statewide greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions for 1990 - 2020, expressed in tons of carbon dioxide equivalents from all greenhouse gas emissions sources in the state. The release of this report prior to the end of the year supports the state's comprehensive and ongoing work to meet the requirements of the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act (Climate Act).

The Climate Act requires the state to achieve a carbon-free electricity system by 2040 and reduce GHG emissions 40% below 1990 levels by 2030 and 85% by 2050, setting a new standard for states and the nation to expedite the transition to a clean energy economy. The law drives investment in clean

energy solutions such as wind, solar, energy efficiency, and energy storage and ensures that at least 40% of the clean energy investments benefit disadvantaged and low- to moderate-income communities. On Monday, Dec. 19, the State Climate Action Council adopted the New York State Climate Action Council Scoping Plan, which outlines recommended policies and actions to help meet the goals and requirements of the Climate Act.

The comprehensive report utilizes best available science and data to describe GHG statewide emissions, including those from electricity, industry, and agriculture. The Statewide GHG Report is unique in the U.S. for using the 20-year Global Warming Potential and including emissions associated with the generation of imported electricity and with the extraction and transmission of fossil fuels imported into the

state. It also describes the contributions of the state's forests and natural lands to collect and store carbon and to help the state reach its goal of net-zero emission by 2050.

The 2022 report also describes the significant effect that the COVID-19 pandemic had on GHGs, particularly a 20% drop in transportation emissions. The report notes that 2020 is likely not a representative year in terms of overall emission trends, due to the impact of the pandemic. DEC will provide updated information through 2021 in the 2023 report next year. The annual emission totals provided will aid in tracking New York's progress toward its 2030 and 2050 emissions limits established in the Climate Act, as codified in the Part 496 regulation DEC adopted in 2020.

The publication is available on DEC's climate website.

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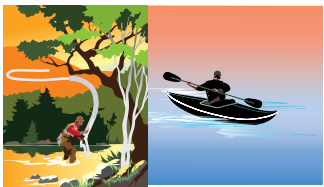
Leading Climate Plan

New York State's nation-leading climate agenda is the most aggressive climate and clean energy initiative in the nation, calling for an orderly and just transition to clean energy that creates jobs and continues fostering a green economy as New York State recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic. Enshrined into law through the Climate Leadership and Community Protection Act, New York is on a path to achieve its mandated goal of a zero-emission electricity sector by 2040, including 70% renewable energy generation by 2030, and to reach economy wide carbon neutrality. It builds on New York's unprecedented investments to ramp-up clean energy including over \$35 billion in 120 large-scale renewable and transmission projects across the state, \$6.8 billion to reduce buildings emissions, \$1.8 billion to scale up solar,

more than \$1 billion for clean transportation initiatives, and over \$1.6 billion in NY Green Bank commitments. Combined, these investments are supporting more than 165,000 jobs in New York's clean energy sector in 2021, a 2,100% growth in the distributed solar sector since 2011 and a commitment to develop 9,000 megawatts of offshore wind by 2035. Under the Climate Act, New York will build on this progress and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 85% from 1990 levels by 2050, while ensuring that at least 35% with a goal of 40% of the benefits of clean energy investments are directed to disadvantaged communities, and advance progress towards the state's 2025 energy efficiency target of reducing on-site energy consumption by 185 trillion BTUs of end-use energy savings.



OUTDOOR LIFE



DEC: Several new requirements to protect consumers from harmful chemicals

Statewide Laws will limit use of 1,4-Dioxane, PFAS, and chemicals in variety of consumer products

Several new laws are taking effect in the new year to help protect public health and the environment by reducing exposure to harmful chemicals in everyday items, the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) announced. At the start of 2023, laws will be implemented that will cover 1,4-dioxane, per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS), and other chemicals used in household cleaning, personal care, cosmetics, food packaging and children's products.

DEC prioritizes the health and well-being of New Yorkers and our environment, and the implementation of new laws for chemicals in everyday household products is part of our state's ongoing commitment to protect communities, DEC Commissioner Basil Seggos said. With the start of the new year, these stringent requirements will build upon our nation-leading efforts to prevent exposure to emerging contaminants.

PFAS are manmade chemicals that have been widely used in various consumer, commercial, and industrial products since the 1940s. These chemicals' unique properties make them resistant to heat, oil, stains, grease, and water and useful in a wide variety

of everyday products. One of the PFAS' was widely used in fire-fighting foam. These same properties also make PFAS challenging when found in our environment. PFAS do not break down easily and persist in the environment, especially in water. Because of widespread use, PFAS releases into the environment have been detected in surface water, groundwater, animals and humans worldwide.

1,4-Dioxane is a synthetic industrial chemical commonly associated with chlorinated solvents and was widely used as a chemical stabilizer in other formulations. It is also a byproduct or contaminant in consumer products such as laundry detergent. 1,4-Dioxane has been found in groundwater at sites throughout the United States, particularly in the sole source aquifer of Long Island and in association with legacy industrial and hazardous waste sites. The toxicity and persistence of this compound in the environment represent a growing challenge; once released, this emerging contaminant is extremely costly to clean up from the environment, treatment technologies to remove 1,4-dioxane from drinking water supplies are complex and costly.

DEC will implement restric-

tions on the following chemicals for the following uses:

- **1,4 Dioxane in Household, Personal Care, and Cosmetic Products** Effective Dec. 31, 2022, New York state will require a maximum allowable concentration of two parts per million (PPM) of 1,4-dioxane in household cleaning and personal care products and a 10 ppm limit is established for cosmetics. A limit of 1 ppm for 1,4-dioxane in household cleaning and personal care products will be effective Dec. 31, 2023.

DEC has held meetings to gather stakeholder input and is currently in the process of drafting a rule to implement the law limiting 1,4-dioxane in household cleansing, personal care, and cosmetic products. DEC will provide an opportunity for public comment once the draft regulation is released. Additional information is available on the DEC website.

- **PFAS in Food Packaging Materials** DEC is implementing a prohibition on intentionally-added PFAS in food packaging. The law applies to paper-based food packaging (made from paper, paperboard, or other plant-derived materials) intended for direct food contact. Products of this type containing intentionally added PFAS cannot be sold in

New York state after Dec. 31, 2022. The restriction of PFAS in food packaging was enacted under the Hazardous Packaging Act. Additional information on the prohibition of PFAS in food packaging is available on the DEC website.

- **Toxic Chemicals in Children's Products (TCCP)** Beginning Jan. 1, 2023, DEC will implement restrictions on the sale of children's products containing intentionally-added benzene, asbestos, or tris (1,3-dichloro-2-propyl) phosphate in New York state. Also of note, the TCCP law will require the disclosure of certain chemicals of concern and high-priority chemicals if present in children's products. DEC is currently working to develop lists of these chemicals.

Children's products are defined as products marketed to children 12 and under. The products include such items as clothing; non-electronic toys;

car seats; children's bedding and mattresses; school supplies; products intended by the manufacturer to help children with sleeping, teething, or eating; furniture; and apparel. The law excludes certain items such as electronic products, batteries, sports equipment and science kits.

DEC is in the process of developing a regulation to implement portions of the law. The rule will address the specific product categories that are covered, which chemicals and supporting information must be disclosed, details on how to obtain a waiver from reporting or the sales prohibition, and the fees associated with reporting and applying for a waiver. For more information, go to the DEC website and read about New York's nation-leading efforts to protect communities from the risks of emerging contaminants in our water.

Attention small game hunters

With big game seasons coming to a close across the state, it's the perfect time to take to the field in pursuit of abundant small game hunting opportunities. While afield, you can help DEC better manage wildlife by reporting observations and harvests of our more elusive furbearer and small game species. DEC is collecting observations of snowshoe hare, fox squirrels, weasels, marten, fisher, bobcat, and otter. These data help us better understand the distributions of these species, improving our management.

Reminder: Protect New York's rabbits and hares

Rabbit hemorrhagic disease virus 2 (RHDV2) (PDF) is a highly lethal and easily transmissible disease that impacts rabbits and hares. It is spread through direct contact between rabbits or contaminated materials (including hunting equipment, shoes, etc.). RHDV2 is extremely hardy, able to survive freezing temperatures and remain contagious on surfaces for three months. Although RHDV2 does not pose a risk to humans or other species, it represents a significant threat to New York's wild rabbit and hare populations.

Hunters can help protect these species by following the steps outlined below:

- Avoid contact with domestic rabbits.
- Wear disposable gloves



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A snowshoe hare sitting on the snow.

when handling rabbit and hare carcasses.

- Properly dispose of rabbit carcasses in trash that's taken to a landfill or by burying deep enough to prevent scavenging.
- Disinfect all hunting gear after out-of-state travel with a 10% bleach solution.
- Avoid travel to states that have confirmed RHDV2 outbreaks, and do not bring rabbit carcasses killed in other states to New York.
- Avoid transporting rabbits or hares to train hunting dogs.
- Although dogs cannot get sick from RHDV2, they can transmit the virus, so minimize contact between dogs and rabbit carcasses.
- Immediately report sick rabbits or unusual rabbit mortalities to DEC's Wildlife Health Program (518-478-2203; wildlife@dec.ny.gov).

Look for wildlife tracks this winter

Now is a great time to search for winter tracks or other animal signs visible in the snow. It can be fun to be a detective and figure out what animals have been walking through your yard or across a trail.

Here are a few tips to get you started:

- Snow conditions can make a difference in a track's appearance — wet snow captures a print better than powdery snow.
- Members in the dog family (coyote, fox, or dogs) will usually leave claw prints above the toes, while the cat family (bobcat, house cat) will not. You should see four toes on both front and back feet for both families.
- Rodents such as squirrels, chipmunks, mice, muskrats and voles usually have four toes on the front feet and five



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Ruffed grouse tracks in snow

on the back. Claws may or may not be seen.

- Bring a notebook, camera, or field guide with you.
- Sometimes an animal's droppings - or scat - can help identify it — a rabbit's looks like small balls of sawdust.

Find out more in the Become a Winter Wildlife Detective issue of *Conservationist for Kids*. Check out the Winter Wildlife Tracks and Scat Identification Video on DEC's Facebook page.

DEC launches state lands kiosk survey

Public input will help DEC make improvements to state property signage

New York State Department of Environmental Conservation (DEC) Commissioner Basil Seggos announced the release of the new DEC Kiosk Survey seeking public input on informational kiosk signage on DEC properties. Feedback received will help inform DEC improvements to informational kiosk signage throughout the state.

Seggos said DEC is encouraging New Yorkers to get outside, visit DEC's many beautiful properties, and provide feedback on signage. He said, with input from visitors, DEC can make meaningful improvements to signage and provide an enhanced outdoor experience.

Kiosks are small, open wooden structures that provide cover for educational and informational signs that feature trail maps, emergency phone

numbers, and other important information. Kiosks are located at various state properties such as state forests, wilderness areas, conservation easements, wildlife management areas, boat launches and more.

By taking the survey, participants will be entered into the survey sweepstakes. Each month from January 2023 through January 2024, one lucky winner's name will be pulled randomly from survey responses received that month. The winner receives a free subscription to DEC's *Conservationist* magazine and a \$50 gift card to a sporting goods store. In January 2024, DEC will announce the grand prize winner, pulled from everyone who correctly submitted the survey over the 12-month period. The grand prize winner receives a free subscription to the *Conser-*

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SPORTS REPORTER

Spartans top rival Sidney Warriors 61-49



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Sidney's Danny Morris shoots during his team's game with Unatego Tuesday, Jan. 3.



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Sidney's Chris Moreno and Unatego's Jake Sargent battle for a loose ball during their game on Tuesday, Jan. 3.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Unatego's Braeden Johnson looks for a shot as Sidney's Dylan Easton defends during Unatego's 61-49 win Tuesday, Jan. 3.

By Lillian Browne

SIDNEY - Unatego/Franklin boys varsity basketball defeated Sidney Warriors, 61-49, in league play, Tuesday, Jan. 3.

Sidney's Connor Van Der Sommen led all scorers with 24 points, second to Unatego/Franklin's Xander Johnson, a freshman, who netted 21 points. Johnson was 8-for-10 at the foul line, putting U-F in position for the win.

Both teams were equally matched in the first quarter

with a 12-point tie going into the second quarter. Johnson started the game in the second quarter where U/F finished behind the Warriors 17-15, entering halftime with a score of 30-27.

Third quarter play saw Johnson and teammates Devon Kroll and Spencer Wilms apply offensive pressure, ending the third quarter with a score of 44-37.

Sidney's Van Der Sommen aided by teammate Jalen Reardon put up a combined 11 points, not enough to thwart

Unatego/Franklin, who came away with the 61-49 win.

Spartan Coach Travis Woods praised his teams' efforts, saying, "Overall we played well for the most part." The second quarter, he said, the team could have played better.

"In the second half, we really locked down on defense and held them pretty good. We keyed in on their best player, and once we did that they struggled to score," Woods said.

The Spartans had several players that stepped up in the game, Woods said, including Braeden Johnson, who was also a leading scorer with 15 points and Devon Kroll who had 11 points. "He (Kroll) had some big rebounds and Spencer Wilms is the one who really stepped up in the second half and figured out their point guard (Connor Van Der Sommen) and made him work for what he got," Woods said. "He really helped on defense and hit some big shots in the second half," Woods said of Wilms' contributions.

Looking forward, Woods hopes to place in the top four of the MAC League with a chance to repeat as champions.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
From left Unatego's Braeden Johnson, Sidney's Cameron Russo, and Jalen Reardon fight for a rebound during their game Tuesday, Jan. 3.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Unatego's Xander Johnson shoots a layup during his team's win Tuesday, Jan. 3.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Sidney's Connor Van Der Sommen shoots a layup during his team's game with Unatego Tuesday, Jan. 3.



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Unatego's Logan Utter shoots during his team's win Tuesday, Jan. 3.



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Walton Warriors dominate Sullivan West Bulldogs in non-league match-up

Gransbury sets new school single game scoring record

By Lillian Browne

WALTON - Walton's Jacqlyn Gransbury set a personal best and school record on Friday, Dec. 30, 2022 in a non-league match-up against Sullivan West with 47 points, putting her in range to score a milestone 1,000 points in the coming weeks.

Gransbury netted 16 of the Warriors' first quarter 20 points, and helped to hold Sullivan West to four points scored at the foul line by Bulldogs Karlee Diehl and Viola Shami.

The Warriors continued to dominate the first three quarters with a 16-6 second quarter, where Gransbury sunk another 14 points - and was two-for-four at the foul line. The Bulldogs trailed the Warriors 22-8 in the third quarter, with Walton's Makara MacGibbon contributing six points for the Warriors.

Sullivan West put up nine

points to the Warriors' six in fourth quarter play, finishing with a 64-27 non-league loss.

Gransbury's 47 points are a Walton Central School record.

Gransbury also had 16 steals.

"I really enjoyed watching our girls play so aggressive defensively, especially in the first half," Walton Coach Gary Backus said. Walton applied pressure, causing Sullivan West to make numerous turnovers - which in turn provided layup opportunities for the Warriors.

"Jacqlyn Gransbury had an outstanding game establishing a new Walton single-game scoring record with 47 points, 30 of which came in the first half," Backus said.

Senior Guard MacGibbon distributed the basketball very well and has eight assists, he said. Junior Eve Foster added five points and had five steals. Eighth grade athlete Grace Walley led the Warriors in rebounds, tallying nine.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton's Eve Foster sings the national anthem before her team's win over Sullivan West Friday, Dec. 30, 2022. Foster would score five points for the Warriors in their win.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton's Ella Beardslee shoots a layup during her team's Friday win.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton's Jacqlyn Gransbury drives to the basket for two of her 47 points to lead her Warriors to a 64-27 win over Sullivan West Friday, Dec. 30, 2022.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton's Havyn Merwin battles Sullivan West's Karlee Diehl for the ball during their game Friday, Dec. 30, 2022.



Benjamin Patton/The Reporter
Walton's Makara MacGibbon shoots a three over the Sullivan West defense during their game Friday, Dec. 30, 2022.

Sports Slates

Schedules current as of press time. Subject to change.

Thursday, Jan. 5

Bowling: Hancock at Sidney, 3:45pm.

Boys Basketball: Unatego/Franklin at Afton, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at BG, 7pm; Oxford at Sidney, 7pm; Delhi at Greene, 7pm.

Girls Basketball: Gilboa Conesville at Charlotte Valley, 6pm.

Friday, Jan. 6

Bowling: Afton/Harpursville at Unadilla Valley, 3:45pm; BG vs Downsville at Hancock, 3:45pm.

Boys Basketball: CVCS at Gilboa Conesville, 7pm; Walton at D-H, 7pm; WAJ at Downsville, 5:30pm.

Girls Basketball: Unatego at Greene, 7pm; Walton at Unadilla Valley, 7pm; Delhi at Harpursville, 7pm.

Indoor Track: 607 Weight Throw - BG, Sidney at Cortland.

Wrestling: Oneonta Rotary Invitational- ABGH, Unatego/Unadilla Valley, WDA, .

Saturday, Jan. 7

Boys Basketball: Marathon at Unatego, 4pm; Tioga at BG, 7pm.

Indoor Track: 607 Invitational - BG, Sidney, Unatego, Walton at Cortland; .

Wrestling: Oneonta Rotary Invitational- ABGH, Unatego/Unadilla Valley, WDA; Stan Elinsky Tournament- D-H, Sidney at Deposit.

Monday, Jan. 9

Girls Basketball: Downsville at CVCS, 6pm.

Tuesday, Jan. 10

Bowling: Afton/Harpursville at Greene, 3:45pm; BG at Hancock, 3:45pm; Unadilla Valley at Sidney, 3:45pm; Deposit at Downsville, 3:45pm.

Boys Basketball: SK at CVCS, 7pm; Downsville at Roxbury, 5:30pm.

Girls Basketball: D-H at BG, 7pm; Harpursville at Unatego, 7pm; Oxford at Walton, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at Delhi, 7pm.

Wrestling: Unatego/Unadilla Valley at WDA Walton, 6pm; ABGH at Marathon, 6pm; Sidney at D-H, 6pm.

Wednesday, Jan. 11

Bowling: BG at Deposit, 3:45pm.

Boys Basketball: D-H at Afton, 7pm; BG at Delhi, 7pm; Unadilla Valley at Unatego /Franklin, 7pm; Sidney at Harpursville, 7pm.

Girls Basketball: CVCS at SK, 6:30pm.

Wrestling: Unatego/Unadilla Valley at WDA Walton, 6pm; ABGH at Marathon, 6pm; Sidney at D-H, 6pm.

Thursday, Jan. 12

Bowling: Sidney at Deposit, 3:45pm.

Boys Basketball: Hunter Tannersville at Downsville, 5:30pm.

Wrestling: Unatego/Unadilla Valley at WDA Walton, 6pm; ABGH at Marathon, 6pm; Sidney at D-H, 6pm.

Sidney tracksters set records in Holiday Classic



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Sidney girls 4 x 400 relay team: Isabelle Briggs, Dejah Taylor, Abdieliz Laboy Diaz and Elaina Nuebert.

UTICA - A Sidney Central School record was set in the CNY Holiday Classic indoor track meet Dec. 28. The girls 4 x 400 meter relay team, consisting of Isabelle Briggs, Dejah Taylor, Abdieliz Laboy Diaz and Elaina Nuebert broke the former school record set in 2001, with their new school record of 4:24.88. The relay team placed second overall.

Taylor, a ninth grade student, set a new personal record in the 400 meter dash, with a time of 1:02.06. She placed third in the competition. Taylor also finished third in the 55 meter dash with a time of 7.76.

Brayden Eastman, a senior, set a new personal record of 44.0 feet in shot put. He is currently ranked number one in Section IV.

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SK Rams win Pat Grasso Tournament

LAURENS -South Kortright Rams boys basketball defeated the Walton Warriors 71-47 and were named Pat Grasso Tournament champions Wednesday, Dec. 28. South Kortright outscored Walton in all four quarters of play with Rams' Connor Quarino leading all scorers netting 12 of his game-high 30 points in the first quarter.

The Rams outpaced the Warriors 22-13 in the first quarter, and in second quarter play 17-15. South Kortright continued to dominate in the third

quarter, putting up 21 points to the Warriors' nine. At the beginning of the fourth quarter the score was 50-37, South Kortright.

The Rams put up another 13 points in the fourth quarter to finish with a win 71-47.

Trenton Cole contributed 19 points to the Rams' win; Josh Anderson and Adam Champlin contributed eight points each.

Zack Gardner led scoring for the Warriors with 11 points; teammates Ransom Dutcher and Seth Hunter contributed eight points apiece.



South Kortright boys basketball team is seen after winning the Pat Grasso Tournament Wednesday, Dec. 28.



South Kortright's Trenton Cole shoots as Walton's Seth Hunter defends during their game Wednesday, Dec. 28.



South Kortright's Connor Quarino spins to the basket around the defense of Walton's Ransom Dutcher during SK's 71-47 win in the championship game of the Pat Grasso Tournament.



South Kortright's Josh Anderson shoots during his team's win over Walton Wednesday, Dec. 28.

SUNY Delhi Broncos defeat Raptors 104-75

ANNANDALE-ON-THE-HUDSON - Five players scored in the double digits as the Broncos shot an impressive 53% from the field and had 58 points in the paint, in a non-conference game against the Bard University Raptors for a 104-75 win, Jan. 2.

The Broncos started the game with a 10-0 run in the first five minutes as Isaiah Barnes got started with a layup just four seconds in. They played solid defense only giving up the first points from the charity stripe.

The first half was full of streaks from both teams that went on multiple scoring runs. The Broncos finished the half on a 9-0 scoring streak in the final 1:45 to bring the score to 50-41 at the half. Delhi shot 52.5% (21/40) from the field and 54% (6/11) from three and poured in 24 points from in the paint.

Isaiah Barnes and Jacob Beach led the way in scoring, combining for 22 points with

11 each, while Pablo Quinones had a block party with his career-high seven blocks in the

half. That was the most blocks ever by a SUNY Delhi men's basketball player in a half.

Delhi started the second half with the same energy as the first, going on a 10-2 run. They

went on more scoring runs in the second and they eventually led by as much as 34. The Broncos finished with five scorers in double digits, including four starters.

Beach led the way in the end with 22 points and nine rebounds, shooting 69% from the field and 80% from deep. Quinones was just one point from his career-high with 20 points as he went on to break the program's record for most blocks in a game with 10. He shot 73% from the field and 67% from deep while being just two rebounds from having a triple-double. Barnes also finished with a solid statline putting up 19 points and dishing out seven assists. While Lester McCarthy put up 15 points, eight rebounds and four steals to round out the Bronco effort.

Delhi looks ahead to a big weekend to kick off a run of conference games when they take on Husson at 7:30 p.m. on Jan. 6.



Broncos' Pablo Quinones had 10 blocks in the Jan. 2 game against the Raptors.

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CEMETERY LOVERS

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Fancy D Revealed?

By Dale and Tina Utter

We spend much of our time visiting and working in cemeteries and we like to study and research the early sandstone gravestone carvers that plied their trade from about 1800-1845. This can be a challenging endeavor since we are talking about uncovering documentation from 200 years ago where little to no information exists. The holy grail in gravestone carver research is finding a stone the carver signed. This could be just initials, an initial and last name or the full name. Sometimes they will give the name of the town they are from or they will say stonecutter or sculptor. Everything is a clue when looking for carver information.

Some carvers never leave their name on their work. In that case, you take the name of an adult male's stone that they carved and you search the probate records for the carver's name. That can be like searching for a needle in a haystack, often ending with disappointment.

If no name is found, and you have a grouping of similar stones probably done by the same carver, then the carver is given a nickname or pseudonym. This at least enables researchers to categorize a carver's work. That is how we came up with "Fancy D" who we have written about in earlier articles. Every stone he carved contained a fancy scripted capital "D," hence the name Fancy D.

Some carved hundreds of stones and never signed a single one. Other times a carver worked many stones but only signed one occasionally. A carver from Cortland County, Asa Joiner, signed many stones but he is a rare exception. Always keep looking - you never know when that signed stone will identify a carver you have been looking for.

If you are fortunate to have found a carver's name, having a computer to do internet research is indispensable. Sometimes you get lucky and find documentation on a carver, but usually very little is found. But the internet enables access

to census records, local history books, military records, Find a Grave, genealogy records and newspapers and more, all without leaving the comfort of your home. Everything discovered helps recreate a long ago life.

Without a name, a group of similar stones can be collected by observing the kind, size, shape, color, density and thickness of the stone. Did the carver work the edges or back of the stone? What does his detail or decorative work look like on the bottom, sides or top of the stone? What does his engraved work look like? Is the lettering cursive or a block style or is it deep or shallow? Does he write epitaphs or start out the same way on each stone such as "In Memory of?" The carver's writing style on the stone is just as unique as an individual's handwriting. An ampersand, or "and" sign, is often most distinctive for each carver.

We have found carvers that engraved stones for 20, 30, 40 or even 50 years. Once they are established, they seem to stick to what they know and like to carve. That said, we know of one carver that has carved more than a dozen distinctly different shapes and another that does more than ten different decorative/detail elements.

Once an inventory of stones done by the same carver is made, start looking at the geographic distribution and date range of the stones. Those details can provide additional clues as to who carved a stone and where he was from. You may be wandering through a cemetery in Oneida County and find a stone that you feel was done by a carver that you know, but realize you haven't seen his work outside of Delaware County. The stone is dated 1845, yet the last date the carver you are thinking of has never dated a stone beyond 1838. It could still be the same carver, but likely it was someone else.

Things get even more complicated. Thanks to Mary Dexter's research on Coffin Man, we know he did not come to Chenango County until about 1810. In Sidney's Pioneer Cemetery you will find a stone that

is definitely carved by Coffin Man but it has a date of 1787. It was a common practice for carvers to backdate stones. Often when someone died, they did not have the money for a proper gravestone or there may not have been a professional carver in the area at that time. Years after the burial, the deceased may finally get a proper gravestone.

In other cases, one needs to be very careful of a carver's latest dated stones. As carvers reached retirement age, they could have taken on apprentices that copied his mentor's work, making it difficult to distinguish between the two, or the result may be two styles of carving on the same stone - that can get confusing. Or, the carver may have moved out of an area, selling his gravestone inventory to another carver, resulting in both carver's work on the same stone with a date later than the carver's other work.

The geographic distribution of a carver's work can vary greatly. Coffin Man's work stretches between Andes and Ithaca, a distance of 100 miles. We have found Roswell Hubbard's work from Utica to Wilkes Barre, Pa., a distance of 180 miles. Many carvers seemed to stay within a 10-20-mile radius of home.

The number of stones carved by individuals also varies greatly. Coffin Man and Roswell Hubbard probably made their living by carving gravestones, hence the greater range of their work. Full-time carvers probably averaged 15-20 stones per year. Some carvers may have had other occupations - farmers or stone masons - and carved gravestones to bring in

additional income.

Let's take a closer look at Fancy D. We first discovered his work near East Branch at Long Flat Cemetery. We were excited to find a carver for Delaware County and a thorough search of the area ensued. We found his work stretching from East Windsor, Deposit, Hancock and East Branch, then north to Downsville and Hamden and thought we had found all of his work - a silly notion. We have since found his work in West Meredith, Center Lisle, Gilbertsville and Unadilla Center in Otsego County, and much to our surprise, we recently found his work in North Brookfield in Madison County.

Fancy D's work can be distinguished from other carver's work by, of course, the fancy capital letter "D" that he does which we have found on all 28 stones in New York. In every case he has also used *aet* which is Latin for "aged." Most of the time it is in a ligature form where it looks like he makes a capital "T" with an extra-long horizontal bar. Next, he makes a strong capital "E" out of the right side of the T and follows up with a weak cursive style capital "A" on the left side. He often includes horizontal coffins as well as makes a loop from the last "d" in "died" to the first "D" in "died." These clues all help identify his work.

One day we were in New Hampshire looking for the work of Coffin Man's father, who was also a gravestone carver. We were shocked when we were about to leave a cemetery and looked down to see a stone with a "looped died" as we had seen so often with Fancy D in New York. Further

investigation of nearby cemeteries revealed 17 stones with all having an *aet* like Fancy D's and over half having a looped "died." We feel this is the work of our New York Fancy D carver.

Last October, a Facebook friend, Gavin Esposito, posted a gravestone from eastern Ohio and he wondered if anyone knew who the carver was. We looked at the stone and immediately said, "That is Fancy D." A short time later we made a trip to Ohio to investigate further. While there we discovered a signed stone with Henray R. Cleland on it. Could this be the name of Fancy D?

Henray Cleland was born in Pennsylvania in 1810. If that is the case, why is he showing up and carving in New Hampshire during the late 1820s until 1830, based on the carved stones we found? The bulk of his work in New York is in the 1831-1837 time frame, so he could have moved from New Hampshire to New York and continued carving. Most of the stones carved in Ohio were carved from 1837-1847. Some records show he had a son in Ohio in 1836. The Ohio time frame is consistent with his work in New York. Henry died of cholera in July, 1849.

Since then, with Gavin's help, we have found about 40 stones that look like Fancy D's work but none have a looped "died," only one has his ligature *aet* and only some have his distinctive Fancy D lettering. I am inclined to think that Henray Cleland is our Fancy D carver but many questions remain unanswered, so our research continues.

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Town of Sidney
Notice of Meeting
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Sheila R Paul
Sidney Town Clerk

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

A New Day M D Construction, LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 2/28/2022. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to 1291 Federal Hill Rd. 2, Delhi, NY 13753. General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY

Bear Country LLC. Filed 10/15/22. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 361 Townsend Rd, Bovina Center, NY 13740. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Bklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.

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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Foothills Contracting and Supply LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-11-01. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Katherine Taggart: 165 North St. Walton NY 13856. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of USS NASH PROPERTIES, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-10-20. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Samuel & Schuyler Nash : 90 Cronk Lane PO Box 375 Grand Gorge NY 12434. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Delhi Work Station. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-12-07. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Sebastiaan Berkhout: 1420 Monroe Rd Delhi NY 13753. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Rock 211 LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 9/3/2022. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Altschul & Altschul, 18 East 12th St., #1A, New York, NY 10003-4458. General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
TRIPLE OAKS PROPERTY LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with the SSNY on 12/09/22. Office: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to the LLC, 119 Main Street, Stamford, NY 12167. Purpose: Any lawful purpose.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of G&N TRUCKING AND CONSTRUCTION LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-10-13. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Registered Agents Inc: 418 Broadway STE R Albany NY 12207. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
1. The name of the limited liability company ("LLC") is SOTELO'S MOUNTAIN LLC. 2. The date of filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State is December 8, 2022. 3. The County within the State of New York in which the principal office of the LLC is located is Delaware. 4. The Secretary of State of the State of New York is hereby designated as agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the LLC served upon him or her is: 18 2nd Street, Little Falls, NJ 07424. 5. The character or purpose of the business of the LLC is any purpose allowed by law.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Panic Button LLC. Arts. of Org. filed with Secy. of State of NY (SSNY) on 12/6/22. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: c/o The LLC, 468 West 142nd St, Apt 1, NY, NY 10031. Purpose: any lawful activity.

Town of Andes Tax Collection
I, the undersigned Collector of Taxes, in and for The town of Andes, upon the receipt of the tax roll and Warrant for the collection of taxes for the year 2023, will collect said taxes in person at 356 Depot Street, Andes N.Y. 13731, Monday through Friday from 9AM to Noon, and from 1PM to 4PM; and Saturday from 9AM to 11AM. The US Mail address on the bill is: PO Box 356, Andes N.Y. 13731. Taxes may be paid the month of January without penalty, the base amount. Each month of February, March, April will have an additional charge of 1% added per month. Also a \$20.00 fee will be charged for any returned checks. Margaret Moshier, Tax Collector

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Battle-Scarred Metal Fabrication LLC Arts of Org. filed SSNY 11/23/22, Delaware Co. SSNY design agent for process & shall mail to Zenbusiness Inc. 41 State St #112 Albany, NY 12207 General Purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Qualification of Turnpike Partners, LLC. Fictitious name in NY State: 2883 Turnpike Road Partners, LLC. App. For Auth. filed with Secy of State of NY (SSNY) on 11/29/22. Office location: Delaware County. LLC formed in Utah on 5/31/22. SSNY designated as agent of LLC upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY shall mail process to: 6 Berkshire, Aliso Viejo, CA 92656. Utah address of LLC: 756 East Fox Meadow Drive, Draper, UT 84020. Arts of Org filed with Utah Division of Corporations, 160 E 300 South, 2nd FL, PO Box 146705, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-6705. Purpose: any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Camp Vito LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-05-19. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Samantha Rees and Jake Nager: 657 St Marks Avenue 1 Brooklyn NY 11241. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

DELAWARE COUNTY Notice of Sale
NOTICE OF SALE SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE CitiMortgage, Inc., Plaintiff AGAINST Margaret M. O'Sullivan a/k/a Margaret Mary O'Sullivan a/k/a Margaret M. O Sullivan if she be living and if she be dead, any and all persons who are spouses, widows, grantees, mortgagees, lienor, heirs, devisees, distributees, or successors in interest of such of the above as may be dead, and her spouses, heirs, devisees, distributees and successors in interest, et al., Defendant(s) Pursuant to a Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered November 29, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the in the Courtroom of Delaware County Courthouse, 3 Court St., Delhi NY 13753 on February 7, 2023 at 9:00AM, premises known as 8174 State Highway 206, Trout Creek, NY 13847. All that certain plot piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements erected, situate, lying and being at Trout Creek, in the Town of Tompkins, County of Delaware and State of New York, SECTION: 227.1, BLOCK: 1, LOT: 30. Approximate amount of judgment \$129,329.18 plus interest and costs. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index #EF2020-647. The aforementioned auction will be conducted in accordance with the DELAWARE County COVID-19 Protocols located on the Office of Court Administration (OCA) website (<https://ww2.nycourts.gov/Admin/oca.shtml>) and as such all persons must comply with social distancing, wearing masks and screening practices in effect at the time of this foreclosure sale. For sale information, please visit Auction.com at www.Auction.com or call (800) 280-2832 Stephen F. Baker, Esq., Referee Frenkel Lambert Weiss Weisman & Gordon, LLP 53 Gibson Street Bay Shore, NY 11706 01-093588-F00 74544

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Go Peletz, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-12-18. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Go Peletz, LLC: 3876 Pine Hill Rd Unadilla NY 13849-2424. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Town of Walton Notice of Meeting PUBLIC NOTICE
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE WALTON FIRE DISTRICT

The Walton Fire District will hold its 2023 organizational meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. at the Walton Fire Hall, 61 West Street, Walton.

Walton Fire District
By: Lenore A. Dutcher Secretary
Dated: December 26, 2022

SIDNEY CENTER Notice to Bidders
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NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of The Boone Grey Hayburners, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-11-21. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Matthew Moyse: 180 Parker Schoolhouse Rd Davenport NY 13750. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Anything You Like, LLC. Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-11-16. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to Anything You Like, LLC: 301 E 111th St 4A New York NY 10029. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Town of Tompkins Tax Collection LEGAL NOTICE
Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, collector of taxes for the Town of Tompkins, Delaware County, State of New York, upon receipt of the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 2023, will be in attendance at the Town Hall located at 148 Bridge St. Trout Creek, NY 13847 starting on Tuesday, January 3, 2023. The office will be open on Tuesday through Thursdays 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. for the month of January. Taxpayer's can also use the secure outside drop box located at the Town Hall for after hour payments. The preceding is for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on such roll.
Take Further Notice; taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2023 without charge or interest. On all such remaining unpaid taxes on or after February 1, 2023, one (1) percent will be added for the first month and an additional one (1) percent for each month thereafter until return of unpaid taxes is made by the collector to the Delaware County Treasurer pursuant to law.

Michelle Phoenix
Town of Tompkins
Clerk/Collector

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Notice of Formation of Create A Gift . Articles of Organization filed with Secretary of State of NY (SSNY) on 2022-11-18. Office location: Delaware County. SSNY designated as agent of Limited Liability Company (LLC) upon whom process against it may be served. SSNY should mail process to The Limited Liability Company : 7014 13th Avenue Brooklyn NY 11228. Purpose: Any lawful purpose

Town of Kortright Public Notice
Assessors Home Office Hours Beginning -- Immediately -- Tuesdays from 11_am til. 2:00 pm --
At 1378 County Hwy 33, Bloomville, NY. 13739. Or you can also mail them to me at this address.
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DIANE LUTZ ASSESSOR -- TOWN OF KORTRIGHT

DELAWARE COUNTY Notice of Sale
SUPREME COURT COUNTY OF DELAWARE, U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION TRUST, Plaintiff, vs. CHRISTA L. BARTLETT A/K/A CHRISTA L. MAXSON, ET AL., Defendant(s). Pursuant to an Order Confirming Referee Report and Judgment of Foreclosure and Sale duly entered on October 17, 2022 and an Order Appointing A Substitute Referee to Sell duly entered on October 26, 2022, I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the Delaware County Supreme Courthouse, 3 Court Street, Delhi, NY, 13753 on February 7, 2023 at 10:00 a.m., premises known as 3300 Franklin Depot Road, Sidney Center, NY, 13839. All that certain plot, piece or parcel of land, with the buildings and improvements thereon erected, situate, lying and being in the Town of Sidney, County of Delaware and State of New York, Section 142, Block 1 and Lot 45. Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # EF2019-823. COVID-19 safety protocols will be followed at the foreclosure sale. Stephen F. Baker, Esq., Referee Berkman, Henoch, Peterson, & Peddy, P.C., 100 Garden City Plaza, Garden City, NY 11530, Attorneys for Plaintiff



Town of Masonville Tax Collection
Notice is hereby given that I, the undersigned, collector of taxes for the Town of Masonville, Delaware County, State of New York, upon receipt of the tax roll and warrant for the collection of taxes for the fiscal year 2023, will be in attendance at the Town Hall located at 1890 State Hwy 206, Masonville, NY 13804 starting on Tuesday Wednesday January 4, 2023. The office will be open on Wednesday from 4:30 pm 6:30 pm, and the 1st Saturday of each month from 10 am – 12 pm, other times by appointment for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on such roll.

Take Further Notice; taxes may be paid on or before February 1, 2023 without charge or interest. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after February 1, 2023, one (1) percent will be added for the first month and an additional one (1) percent for each month thereafter until return of unpaid taxes is made by the collector to the Delaware County Treasurer pursuant to law.

Dated: December 27, 2022
Linda Bourn
Town of Masonville
Clerk/Collector

Town of Meredith Public Notice
PLEASE BE ADVISED that the Town of Meredith will hold their Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, January 10, 2023 at 7PM and the Regular Meeting to immediately follow at the Meredith Town Hall.

Liliane F Briscoe
Town Clerk
Town of Meredith

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
All Sorts Of Crafts And More LLC. Filed 8/31/22. Office: Delaware Co. SSNY desig. as agent for process & shall mail to: 22 Clinton St, Sidney, NY 13838. Registered Agent: United States Corporation Agents, Inc., 7014 13th Ave Ste 202, Brooklyn, NY 11228. Purpose: General.



Town of Franklin Tax Collection
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT I, the undersigned Collector of Taxes in and for the Town of Franklin, upon receipt of the Tax Roll and Warrant for the taxes for the year 2023, will attend at the Town Clerk's office at 554 Main Street, Franklin, New York, on all Tuesdays and Thursdays between the hours of 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. and all Fridays from 6:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in each week of the month of JANUARY, beginning January 3, 2023 for the purpose of receiving taxes assessed upon each roll. NOTICE: Taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2023 without charge of interest. On all such taxes remaining unpaid on or after February 1, 2023 one percent will be added for the first month and an additional one percent for each month or fraction thereof until the return of unpaid taxes is made by the Collector to the County Treasurer pursuant to law. A \$20.00 fee is assessed for all returned checks. TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that pursuant to the provisions of law the tax roll of the Town of Franklin will be returned to the Delaware County Treasurer on May 1, 2023. Dated the 20th day of December 2022 Sonja Johns, Tax Collector Town of Franklin, New York 607-829-3440

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JOHN DAVIS, ET AL.

NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to a Final Judgment of Foreclosure dated August 31, 2022, and entered in the Office of the Clerk of the County of Delaware, wherein NATIONSTAR MORTGAGE LLC D/B/A MR. COOPER is the Plaintiff and JOHN DAVIS, ET AL. are the Defendant(s). I, the undersigned Referee will sell at public auction at the DELAWARE COUNTY COURTHOUSE, 3 COURT STREET, DELHI, NY 13753, on February 7, 2023 at 11:00AM, premises known as 60 WHEELER STREET, DEPOSIT, NY 13754: Section 349.13, Block 1, Lot 23:

ALL THAT TRACT OR PARCEL OF LAND, SITUATE IN THE TOWN AND VILLAGE OF DEPOSIT, COUNTY OF DELAWARE AND STATE OF NEW YORK

Premises will be sold subject to provisions of filed Judgment Index # EF2019-894. Xibai Gao, Esq. - Referee. Robertson, Anschutz, Schneid, Crane & Partners, PLLC 900 Merchants Concourse, Suite 310, Westbury, New York 11590, Attorneys for Plaintiff. All foreclosure sales will be conducted in accordance with Covid-19 guidelines including, but not limited to, social distancing and mask wearing. *LOCATION OF SALE SUBJECT TO CHANGE DAY OF IN ACCORDANCE WITH COURT/CLERK DIRECTIVES.

DELAWARE COUNTY Public Notice
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the policy holders of the Franklin Fire Insurance Co. will be held on January 14, 2023, at 1:00 p.m.at 5212 State Hwy 28 S, Oneonta NY 13820. The meeting is for the purpose of re-electing four directors, Thomas Barnes, James Carey, Brian Sickler & Ruth Sickler (whose terms then expire) and for the transaction of any other business which may properly come before this meeting.

Heather Ross, Secretary

Catskill Watershed Corporation Notice to Bidders
The Catskill Watershed Corporation (CWC) is seeking qualified entities for the demolition of structure in the Village of Hunter, Greene County on a property purchased pursuant to the NYCDEP funded Flood Buyout Program and approved by the Village. A mandatory pre-bid conference will be held on at 10:00 AM on January 12, 2023. Bids must be received at CWC by 3:00 PM, January 26, 2023. For bid documents please contact John Mathiesen or Timothy Cox at 845-586-1400. EOE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
MOUNTAIN TOP BEVERAGE LLC Articles of Org. filed NY Sec. of State (SSNY) 12/13/22. Office in Delaware Co. SSNY design. Agent of LLC upon whom process may be served. SSNY shall mail copy of process to The LLC 318 Dancing St Bloomville NY 13739. Purpose: Any lawful activity.

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY
Rock 211N LLC, Arts of Org. filed with Sec. of State of NY (SSNY) 11/20/2022. Cty: Delaware. SSNY desig. as agent upon whom process against may be served & shall mail process to Altschul & Altschul, 18 East 12th St., #1A, New York, NY 10003-4458. General Purpose



Town of Bovina Notice of Meeting
NOTICE OF ORGANIZATIONAL/MONTHLY MEETING Please take notice that the organizational meeting for the Bovina Fire District of the Town of Bovina Center, County of Delaware, New York, will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2023 at 7:00 PM at the Bovina Fire Hall, 36 Maple Avenue. This notification is being given pursuant to the provisions of the Section 94 of the Public Officers Law of the state of New York by the order of the Board of Fire Commissioners of the Bovina Fire District. Dana Sluiter Secretary Bovina Fire District

Town of Sidney Tax Collection
Notice is hereby given: That I, the undersigned Collector of Taxes and for the Town of Sidney, upon receipt of the Tax Rolls and Warrant for the present year, will attend at the Town Building at 44 Grand Street, Suite 1 on Monday thru Thursday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Fridays 9:00 a.m. to Noon. (except legal holidays) for the purpose of receiving taxes listed on said roll.

TAKE FUTHER Notice: Taxes may be paid on or before January 31, 2023, without charge of interest. On all such remaining unpaid taxes after January 31,2023, there shall be added interest of one (1) percent for the first month and an additional one (1) percent for each additional month or fraction thereafter until such taxes are paid to the Delaware County Treasurer, pursuant to the law.

BE IT FUTHER NOTED there will be an additional charge of \$20.00 for all checks returned unpaid.

Dated: December 22,2022

Sheila R Paul
Tax Collector
Town of Sidney
Sidney, NY 13838

LOOKING BACK

100 Years Ago From The Pages of The Walton Reporter

100 YEARS AGO,
SATURDAY, JANUARY 6, 1922

THE WEEK IN WALTON

**What We Are Talking
About at the County Hub**

\$50,000 IN WAR STAMPS

**Girl Falls, Breaks Arm—Boy
Falls, Jars Brain—Sells Ice
Business—Other Happenings.**

Chief A. E. Woollett recently examined the seventy-eight hydrants in the village. Four were found out of commission and were repaired.

Master Thomas Pine tripped over his sled near the Stockton avenue school Wednesday and in falling sustained a slight concussion of the brain.

While George Wakeman was at work in the Meadowbrook milk company's plant Friday a bottle broke on the cleaning machine and a flying piece of glass struck Wakeman on the nose, inflicting a painful injury.

The annual New Year's ball given by Company F Monday evening proved one of the most enjoyable of similar social functions in recent years. Music for the occasion was furnished by the Elks' orchestra from Binghamton.

Miss M. Janie Launt, art instructor in the Walton high school, has been awarded second prize in the design competition conducted by Ceramic Studio, an art magazine. Her drawing will be published in an early issue of the magazine.

Smoke from a stove in B. Simon's store, corner of Delaware and North streets the former Lyon block, caused the sending in of a fire alarm last Thursday evening. The firemen made a quick run from Walton hall but their services were not needed.

Floyd Broughton has sold his half interest in the restaurant business on Delaware street to his partner, Edward Carroll, and will open a market in the former Smith store where R. Winand conducted a market until recently. Mr. Broughton will open for business Saturday.

While Ralph Ballard and Arthur Foote were driving to Loom is one evening recently in Ballard's Ford truck the machine skidded and overturned on a curve at the top of the hill between Pines brook and Loomis. The young men were not injured but the machine was badly damaged.

Lewis Wheat and G. T. Kingfield, first and second trick agents, respectively, at the Northfield depot, engaged in a scuffle last Friday afternoon in which Kingfield was thrown and received a fracture of his right leg. Dr. W. B. Morrow, the railroad surgeon, was called in attendance.

The ice business of George T. Johnston, including the buildings and equipment, was sold on Friday to J. C. Eighmie through the agency of H. S. Ogden. Mr. Johnston has conducted the business the past eight years. Mr. Eighmie plans to personally supervise the business and promises prompt service to patrons.

Stamp sales at the Walton post office in the month of December, 1922, amounted to \$2,604.48 compared with \$2,073.02 in 1921. This would indicate an increase of about twenty-five per cent in the Christmas mail this year over the previous year. Postage receipts for the year 1922 will amount to about \$19,000, or \$1,000 more than in 1921.

Changes are being made in the First National bank building

which will aid that institution in the handling of the large volume of business transacted daily. The office on the first floor which has been occupied by Crawford Brothers has been connected with the banking rooms. Crawford Brothers will have an office on the second floor.

Fire on New Year's day damaged the Russell building on Main street, Cooperstown, in which are located the Cyril Jones toy, novelty and dry goods store and the Atlantic & Pacific tea store. The fire started in the basement under the Jones store and the stock of goods in that business place was badly damaged. The A. & P. store was somewhat damaged by water. Leon Rowley, son of H. W. Rowley of Walton is manager of the A. & P. store at Cooperstown.

Pauline Gray slipped and fell Wednesday while returning after the noon hour from the home of E. M. Stern, High street, to her work in Mrs. Inez Harby's millinery shop. Her left arm was fractured between the elbow and shoulder. The accident occurred at the top of the Park street hill. Dr. W. R. Gladstone reduced the fracture. Miss Gray had planned to finish her work at the Harby store Wednesday and was to leave soon for New York, where she had accepted a position.

Over \$40,000 in war savings stamps of the series of 1918 have been cashed through the Walton post office or exchanged for war saving certificates. Of this amount \$15,000 has been converted into certificates remainder cashed. The First National bank has cashed about \$10,000 of the stamps. There are still a large number outstanding. Those desiring to exchange the stamps for certificates bearing 4 per cent interest may have the certificates dated back January first if the stamps are presented before January 15th. Otherwise the certificates will date the day issued.

FEWER DEATHS SHOWN IN RECORD FOR 1922

**Births Also Show Decrease
From Previous Year**

GOOD YEAR FOR WIDOWS

But Total Number of Marriages Recorded Was Lowest Since War Period of Year 1918.

Vital statistics for the year 1922 show that there were 76 deaths, 117 births and 40 marriages in the town of Walton during the year 1922. Of the deaths 56 were in the village of Walton which has a population of 3,600. This is at the ratio of 15.5 deaths per 1,000 population. The death rate for the entire town is 13.8 per 1,000, which is above the average for the state.

Two persons were burned to death, Mrs. Hannah White and Woo Kong Seng, the Chinese laundryman, who met death within six weeks of each other. The two oldest persons who passed away during the year were Margaret J. Knox, 93 years old, and William H. Juckett, aged 91 years.

There were 15 deaths of persons 80 years of age or over and 14 of persons from 70 to 79 years of age, inclusive.

The number of births in the town in 1922 was less than 1921, but with that exception the number was the largest ever recorded. There were 117 births during the year. This gives a birth rate of 21.6 per 1,000 in the town.

The number of marriage licenses issued and returned to the town clerk was below the average. Only 40 licenses were filed in the clerk's office during the year. Marriage licenses are issued in the town in which the bride resides. Among the brides there were fifteen widows.

That a comparison may be made with other years, the vital

statistics for the past 19 years are given:

	Births	Marriages	Deaths
1922	117	40	76
1921	128	43	80
1920	112	68	88
1919	71	66	77
1918	102	33	113
1917	102	44	73
1916	108	45	101
1915	111	50	82
1914	94	57	80
1913	107	49	77
1912	92	43	73
1911	82	48	79
1910	112	40	96
1909	79	47	75
1908	68	34	80
1907	65	47	65
1906	49	42	64
1905	60	47	74
1904	61	46	68

The vital statistics for the year 1922 are as follows:

Deaths.			
Date	Name	Age	
Jan.	18 Mrs. Mary E. Broughton	51	
	22 Infant son F. L. Huyck		
	25 William J. Gabriel	49	
	5 William H. Halleck	69	
	8 Marcus P. Brisack	84	
Feb.	12 Infant son Louis Munsch		
	19 Mrs. Mary A. McDougal	70	
	19 Mrs. Hannah White	82	
	23 Nancy Coulter	89	
	3 Mrs. Lucy A. Houck	76	
Mar.	10 Mrs. Mary Peasley	72	
	13 Duane E. Alger	66	
	16 Mrs. Caroline Johnson	77	
	17 Mrs. Adelia C. Hubbell	58	
	19 Thomas L. Travis	53	
	23 Mary H. Osborne	89	
	24 Mrs. Mary Webb Smith	64	
	26 Hugh F. Rutherford	41	
	28 Willis M. Hoyt	75	
	28 Edwin B. Hanford	82	
	29 Elmer Elderkin	42	
	29 Infant son E. J. Love		
	29 Infant daughter Arthur e. Benedict	6 mos.	
Apr.	30 Woo Kong Send	28	
	6 Lawrence K. Peck	16	
	19 Harold L. Goldsmith	32	
	20 John T. Rutherford	70	
	22 Seymour B. Robinson	47	
May	6 Kenneth Rhinehart	19	
	9 Harvey J. Hitchcock	88	
	11 Lafayette Henderson	67	
	11 Mrs. Mary L. Bagley	60	
	12 Mrs. Elizabeth Jamieson	61	
	19 Mrs. Mary Thomas	78	
	21 Mrs. Rose Barlow	68	
	22 Charles T. Guild	54	
	27 Margaret J. Knox	93	
	27 Margaret Griffin	86	
	27 Judah Eggleston	74	
	30 Homer E. Slade	34	
	31 James J. Townsend	49	
June	2 George M. Parker	58	
	3 Mrs. Rose Rowley	58	
	7 George Bartow	63	
	12 Mrs. Elizabeth S. Wright	77	
	20 Mrs. Minnie Robinson	51	
	24 Infant son Oakley D. Terpening		
	27 Mrs. Mary A. Wakeman	77	
July	12 Mrs. M. Jane Christian	86	
	25 Gladys S. Bowker	9	
	27 Marcia E. Hawkins	15	
	7 John Paine	73	
	7 Mrs. Deborah Dickerson	78	
Aug.	9 Infant son of T. Lignoury	22	
	22 Mrs. Adelia J. Palmer	65	
	23 Mrs. Lydia A. Anderson	80	
	23 Mrs. Lida Covert	70	
	24 Infant son A. G. Patterson		
	28 Charles R. Howard	84	
	4 Mrs. Martha L. Kinch	80	
	19 Mrs. Hazel B. Gage	31	
	30 Nellie Mae Tyrrell	16	
	6 Mrs. Lettie Wright	65	
Oct.	9 Beecher H. Stowe	60	
	15 Mrs. Elizabeth Scofield	84	
	22 Mrs. Harriet M. Benedict	77	
	27 Harriet M. Perry	4	
	29 Charles H. Payne	68	
Nov.	2 Mrs. Ursula Sherwood	78	
	8 Mrs. Clarissa Darrin	85	
	9 William H. Juckett	91	
	18 Infant son Harry Soules		
	20 Mrs. Mary Bucknam	52	
Dec.	7 Irvin Kinch	42	
	14 Infant son Tony Thomas		
	31 Johny H. Houck	73	

GIVE \$13,333 AWARD FOR DEATH OF MILLS

**Jury Divides Amount of the
Verdict Between Widow and
Two Children**

A jury in Supreme Court in Newburgh last Thursday awarded a verdict of \$13,333 in favor of Mrs. Mary G. Mills, widow of George A. Mills, head brake-

man on the southbound O. & W. freight that figured in the wreck at Cooks Falls on Nov. 29, in which Engineer Edgar E. Davis and Fireman John W. Lawrence were also killed.

Mrs. Mills had started suit for \$50,000. The court proceedings were for the purpose of dividing the verdict between Mrs. Mills and her two minor sons, George, aged seven, and Blake, aged four. The jury was out one hour and awarded Mrs. Mills \$7,333 and \$3,000 each to the two children.

Actions will also be brought by the heirs of the two other men killed to recover damages for their deaths. Within a month four employees of the O. & W. have been killed in wrecks, the other man being engineer Young of Oswego, who was killed in a wreck near Fulton on Christmas night.

Recently Mrs. Mills was granted letters of administration to bring action in surrogate's court. Mr. Mills died in Thrall hospital Nov. 29 from scalds received when the engine overturned after colliding with the caboose of a standing train.

DEATH OF BABY CALLS CORONER'S INQUEST

**Arrest May Follow Hearing
in Sidney Friday in Charge of
Coroner Silliman**

Dr. G. A. Silliman of Delhi, coroner, was called to Sidney Center Saturday to investigate a case of the death and improper burial of a son born Dec. 23 to Mrs. A. J. Carley of that village.

An inquest into the matter will be held today, Friday, at the municipal building in Sidney. Evidence may then be obtained which will lead to one or more arrests in the case.

The child was last seen alive by Dr. Lee a few hours after birth. When it disappeared and no burial permit was asked for or given the coroner was notified and an investigation followed. The body of the baby was found under the counter in a local store it is stated, under conditions which made further investigation into the case necessary.

The woman's husband has been a prisoner in the Delhi jail for several weeks on a larceny charge and is not implicated in the matter. There are five other children in the family.

HORSE LOST NO TIME IN LEAVING HANCOCK

**Frightened Animal Smashes
Bobs and Crosses Railroad
Bridge Before Stopped**

(From Hancock cor.)

A runaway horse caused quite an excitement in Hancock Monday morning about 10 o'clock. John Obinick, who lives about seven miles from Hancock village on Sands creek, sent his son, Elliott, aged about 16 years, to town with a lively single horse attached to a light set of bob sleighs, to do some trading. As the boy went to turn into Wheeler street off Main street at the bank corner, the horse became frightened and started to run.

The young man did all he could to hold the animal but the horse ran all the faster. At W. A. Hall's feed store the horse turned in which slewed the sleighs around on the icy road and threw them against the office with great force throwing the lad out. Fortunately he was not hurt.

The horse continued running out to Stimpson street through Duane Rood's garden into Reed street and then onto the Erie tracks towards the long railroad bridge that crosses the east branch of the Delaware and ran completely across the bridge before it was stopped by Lester Maynard.

The sleighs were completely torn to splinters. Mr. Offnick has been very ill with pneumonia and not able to come to town to do his business.

Child Dies From Pneumonia.

Robert, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Newkerk of Delancey died Thursday afternoon, January 4, at the home of Mrs. Newkerk's sister, Mrs. H. R. St. John, Townsend street. Little Bobbie, who was about five months of age, was brought to Walton Monday and while here it was found that he was ill with pneumonia. There is one other child, John.

SHOT HIMSELF IN LEG

**Delhi Young Man Wounded
While Hunting Rabbits.**

(From Delhi cor.)

DeMoe Waring, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Waring of Delaware avenue, Delhi, was accidentally shot while out rabbit hunting near his home early in the week. The bullet entered his right leg near the knee and passed through, making a clean wound. Dr. Silliman was promptly summoned and rendered medical aid. If infection does not set in young Waring will probably be up and about within about two weeks.

SHAW TO MAKE REPORT

**Supervisors Ask Treasurer
to State Amount of Fees**

TWO VOTE IN NEGATIVE

**Statement to Be Filled
With Clerk by January
15th—Tax Rolls Are Signed.**

The board of supervisors at its meeting in Delhi Wednesday evening adopted the resolution presented by Supervisor McGranaghan of Hancock at the December session asking County Treasurer A. B. Shaw to file with the clerk of the board on or before January 15 a report of all fees received by him during the years 1921 and 1922.

The resolution was tabled at the previous meeting on motion of Supervisor Marvin of Delhi. Wednesday evening Mr. McGranaghan again called it up. The roll call, taken after efforts failed to have the introducer change the resolution, showed only two dissenting votes, Supervisors Marvin of Delhi and Huyck of Deposit being recorded in the negative.

The effect of the resolution will be to make public the amount of compensation which the treasurer has been receiving through fees in addition to the salary of \$1,400 fixed by the board. The most important of these fees is the transfer tax which in recent years has varied from a few hundred dollars to over \$6,000 in one year. Section 230 of the tax law places upon the county treasurer the duty of acting as appraiser under the inheritance or transfer tax law and this is one of the regular duties of the office.

The board signed the tax rolls and in some of the towns the collection of the town taxes began Thursday. It was also voted to hold the quarterly meeting in February on the second Tuesday, at 4:30 o'clock in the afternoon.

RECOVERED HIS WATCH

**Timepiece Lost in Snow
Found After Recent Thaw.**

(From New Kingston cor.)

Elton Tait, who has been drawing logs from James Winter's hill lost his watch from his pocket on the last trip down, one evening several weeks ago, and that night it snowed. Despite his misgivings as to ever recovering it, after a thaw last Tuesday evening, the watch, a valuable timepiece, was found by Frank Russell, and was undamaged either by frost or weather, or by contact with the heavy loads that had been driven over the place.

MASONVILLE
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From *Guideposts* Dec-Jan issue: Simple Adventure-a Daybook of of Comfort and Joy by Sarah Ban Breathnach “December gifts - custom, ceremony, celebration, consecration - come to us wrapped up, not in a tissue and ribbons, but in cherished memories.” Hope everyone made many cherished memories this Christmas season and will make more during 2023.

Winter sports at Sidney Central School began Tuesday, Jan. 3. Reminder - board of education meeting Tuesday, Jan. 10 at 6:30 p.m. in the high school library.

Here on the Farm the vet is due this week to check the cows’ health. We hope all the

cows are bred and will be having healthy calves in the future months. We received the papers in the mail this week listing the cows that need to be checked for calves, those to be bred soon, and dried off to have calves later in the months, somatic cell counts and a list of all cows in the herd. The milk producers for DFA can make remains at 92% and will probably stay there for awhile more. According to the U.S. Dairy Export Council, between January and October 2022, dairy exports on a total milk solids basis increased 4% vs. 2021 and totaled 2,592,228 metric tons (for a value of \$8,081 million, 25% above 2021). It is typically a challenge to forecast dairy prices beyond a few months in what might be considered a more normal year. A projection of where prices are expected to go in 2023 is offered based on future prices and on supply

and demand factors and some economic indications with a look at 2023. Keep purchasing dairy products for cooking and your enjoyment. Keep track of new items in the marketplace and don’t be afraid to try them. Have a great and healthy week, everyone.

Birthday wishes for December: Mary Scott Tomeo and Tony Masciave on Christmas Day, Karleen DuMond Dec. 26, Erin Andrews Dec. 20 and Jolene Scott Dec. 31. For 2023 we have wishes for Briana Green Jan. 1, Joe Schalk and Travis DuMott Jan. 2, Ron Sherman Jan. 3, Nelson Wilcox, Robert Church, and Earl Gardinier Jan. 4, Kathy Mott Wiers and Wendy Mott Jan. 5, Donna Frestmbes Hine Jan. 6, Marjorie Mott and Michael Wagner Jan. 7, Robbie Stanton Jan. 8, Kathy Hager Schmidt and Nicholas Burpoe Jan. 9 and Cindy Corey Skinner and Richard Paul Jan. 10. Have a great birthday, everyone.

Masonville Federated Church Sunday Services with Rev. Dr. John Helgeson-Interim Pastor are at 11 a.m. with Bible study Tuesdays 12:15 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 to 4:15 p.m. Keep in your thoughts our sick, those in nursing homes, those not able to come out and all those hospitalized.

Have a great 2023 everyone.

DELANCEY
By Linda Shepard
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It was a bitter cold day Saturday, the day before Christmas, but it didn’t stop the Shepard family from having their day before Christmas gathering at the home of Cathy Roloson. Attending were Joe, Lynn, Kyla, Brayden, Kyle, Savannah, Madison, Riley, Andrew, Makinsey, Austin, Wayne and myself. All enjoyed the wonderful variety of food for the Christmas dinner.

Delhi Farmers Market is held every Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Delhi American Legion.

Bingo at the Delhi American Legion - Wednesdays at 7 p.m. Come and bring a friend.

Jan. 1 is National Hangover Day, Polar Bear Plunge Day, World Day of Peace; Jan. 2 is National Cream Puff Day, Thank God it’s Monday Day, Science Fiction Day; Jan. 3 is Drinking Straw Day, Fruitcake Toss Day, Festival of Sleep Day; Jan. 4 is National Spaghetti Day and National Trivia Day; Jan. 5 is National Bird Day, National Whipped Cream Day; Jan. 6 is National Bean Day, National Cuddle Up Day; Jan. 7 is National Bobblehead Day, Old Rock Day; Jan. 8 is National Argyle Day, National Bubble Bath Day, National English Toffee Day, National Sunday Supper Day; and Jan. 9 is National Apricot Day, and National Law Enforcement Appreciation Day.

Grandma’s Recipe for 5 Minute Fudge; Mix 2/3 cups evaporated milk, 1 2/3 cups sugar and 1/2 tsp salt in saucepan

over low heat. Heat to boiling, then cook for 5 minutes, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Add 1 1/2 cups diced marshmallows, 1 1/2 cups chocolate chips, 1 tsp vanilla, 1/2 cup nuts. Stir 1 to 2 minutes. Pour into buttered 9 inch pan. Cut into squares.

My thoughts of the week: It ended up being a bitter cold, winter cold over the weekend. I hope it doesn’t last long. I usually get to go for a ride around Delhi streets to see the beautiful lighting around on the homes. I didn’t get that ride this year, but I did look at the mountain toward Delhi and seen what I always like to see, the star on Wilbur’s mountain all lit up.

Lynn Kinch’s joke of the week: A mother asked her daughter, “Did you thank Mrs. Porter for the lovely party she gave?” “No,” the girl replied. “The girl right in front of me thanked her and she said, ‘Don’t mention it,’ so I didn’t.”

Senior moments: High school is the time of your life. Retirement is the time of your wife.

A cute saying: Even if you don’t believe in other things, always believe in yourself.

Helpful Hints: When cutting your biscuit dough, never twist the cutter. A straight up and down motion with a sharp cutter yields light and airy biscuits.

Worship services for the DeLancey, Hamden and West Delhi Presbyterian Churches during January will be held in the DeLancey Church at 11 a.m. with Rev. Connie Stone. Youth Group meets every Tuesday at 6 p.m. at the DeLancey Church. Come, kids, and bring a friend.

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OBITUARIES



Edward Birdsall

Edward L. Birdsall, 73, of South Abington Township, formerly of Dallas, Pa., passed away Sunday, Dec. 25, 2022, at home.

Born in Margaretville Jan. 11, 1948, he was the son of the late Edward S. and Margaret Myrle (Lloyd) Birdsall.

Edward graduated high school in 1969. He resided in the South Kortright area until 1982. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He also loved the outdoors, hunting, and fishing.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Kathryn M. Doornbos, in March.

Left to cherish his memory is his nephew, Dane Doornbos, his wife Jessica, and their children, Gavyn, Rowyn and Declyn Doornbos, with whom he resided.

Services were privately held at the convenience of the family.

Arrangements were entrusted to Kniffen O'Malley Leffler Funeral & Cremation Services, Inc., Wilkes Barre.



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Garry S. Hood

Garry S. Hood, 91, of Delhi went to be with the lord Jan. 1, 2023 following a short illness.

Friends and relatives are invited to call the family from 12:30-2 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 7 at the Delhi Community Church, 46378 State Highway 10, Delhi, where a service will follow at 2 p.m.

Visit www.macarthurfh.com to share a condolence with Garry's family.

Charlotte M. Walley

Charlotte M. Walley, 87, of Walton passed away Tuesday morning, Dec. 27, 2022 at Wilson Medical Center, Johnson City, after a brief illness.

Charlotte was born July 31, 1935 in Bangor, Pa., the daughter of the late Eugene and Ada (Steinmetz) Supers. She was married to Marvin Walley for 65 years. He died March 21, 2020.

Charlotte was a nurses aide working for pediatrics at Delaware Valley Hospital in Walton for many years. She enjoyed going to (Millers') TA's where she was part of the coffee club. She was always visiting with someone as she was a social butterfly and it seemed like she knew everyone. Charlotte and Marvin both enjoyed many years of traveling across country as well as camping every year with the family. Charlotte also enjoyed her artwork in ceramics and currently Diamond Artwork.

Charlotte is survived by her loving family, her children Tina and Troy Bakker of Forestport; Marge and Bob Paffenroth of Washington; Marvin and Debbie Walley Jr., Tennessee; Patricia and James Roach, Walton; Merry Gardepe (Duane Bakker), Walton; David and Catherine Walley of Tennessee; Lorraine and Tim Hitt, Forestport; sister Evelyn Di Francesca, Easton, Pa.; sister-in-law Doris (Norman) Groat of Walton; and several foster and adoptive children. Charlotte was also a grandmother, great-grandmother, and a great-great grandmother to over 100 children and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.

She was predeceased by her husband Marvin Walley Sr., brothers and sisters Eugene Supers, Charles Supers and Albert Supers; sisters Virginia LaBar, Sue Fahr and Dorothy Viglianti.

A celebration of life and family reunion will be held in the summer of 2023.

Memorial Contributions in Charlottes memory may be made to Delaware Valley Hospital, 1 Titus Place, Walton, New York 13856.

Arrangements are with Courtney Funeral Home, Walton.

Condolences to the family may be made online at www.courtneyfh.com



Richard Loucks Sr.

Richard H. Loucks Sr., 83, of Bloomville, passed away Tuesday Dec. 27, 2022.

Born April 13, 1939 in Gilboa, Richard (Dick) was the son of the late Earl and Mildred (Cottone) Loucks.

Mr. Loucks served in the U.S. Army from Sept. 11, 1956 to Aug. 28, 1959 and was stationed overseas in Germany and France.

Richard was a dairy farmer for many years before being employed by the town of Kortright Highway Department for over 30 years before retiring.

He enjoyed going to yard sales, refinishing furniture, reading Western novels, local history, and spending time with his family. He also enjoyed hunting.

Besides his parents, Richard was predeceased by his wife Shirley (Mattice) Loucks and his sons Chief Richard H. Loucks Jr., U.S. Navy, and Russell A. Loucks.

He was predeceased by his sister Shirley (Loucks) Tompkins, his brother Earl Loucks Jr. and his sister Barbara (Loucks) Mattice.

He is survived by his daughters Debbie (Loucks) Martin and Karen (Loucks) Hall-Green. He is survived by the following grandchildren: Chief Mathew R. Speece, U.S. Navy, Chad Loucks, Travis Loucks, Ryan Loucks, Brielle (Loucks) Dougherty, Chelsea (Martin) Campbell, Schuyler Speece, Taylor Loucks, Morgan Loucks, and Brandon Hall as well as several great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews and in-laws.

Family and friends are invited to call on the family from noon – 2 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 8, at the MacArthur Funeral Home, Buntline Drive, Stamford. Join the family at the Hobart Fire Department afterwards to share some of your favorite memories. A light lunch and refreshments will be served from 2 - 4 p.m.

A private graveside service for Richard and Shirley will be held in the spring at the Stamford Cemetery, Stamford.

Visit www.macarthurfh.com to share a condolence with the Loucks family.



Jay Edmund Wright

Jay E. Wright, 80, passed away peacefully Dec. 28, 2022, at O'Connor Hospital in Delhi.

Jay was born to John Edmund Wright and Florence Eadie at the old Delhi Hospital Oct. 15, 1942.

He graduated from Downs-ville Central School. Following high school Jay served in the U.S. Army from 1964 to 1966 with time spent in Okinawa, Japan. When he completed his service, he returned home to DeLancey, where he married Elsie Brown. They were married for 55 years and had four sons that they raised in Andes. Jay worked for NYSDOT for 23 years, most of that time based out of the Delhi shop. He loved to hunt and do various outdoor activities including riding snowmobiles, target shooting, making maple syrup, raising beef and pigs, cutting logs and firewood, rebuilding old tractors, snowmobiles and equipment, and was a lifelong member and contributor to the Terry Clove Community Hall, forever playing with all of his grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Jay was predeceased by his parents and siblings, Jane, John, George and Jim Wright.

He is survived by his wife Elsie, his son Jay Wright and his family (Kayla, Elijah, Ethan, Evander, and Eian), Tim Wright and his family (Katrina, John and Devin), Joe Wright and his family (Dallis, Kaitlyn, Hunter, Dakota and Natalie), Tom Wright and his family (Judy, Caitlin, Candace, Mahiya, Makenna and Gavin) and great-grandchildren.

Jay is also survived by siblings Gerald Wright, June Ruff (Mel Ruff), Kathy Drew (Mike Drew), and Bill Wright (Caroline Conklin) as well as many nieces and nephews.

A service of remembrance will be held Jan. 8 from 4 to 7 p.m. at MacArthur Funeral Home, 134 Main Street in Delhi.

Those who wish to donate in lieu of flowers may do so to the East Terry Clove Community Hall, Treasurer Stephanie Conklin, 3522 West Terry Clove Road, DeLancey, NY 13752. You may also choose to plant a tree in his honor as Jay had planted many trees in his lifetime and would be honored by this as well.

Visit www.macarthurfh.com to share a condolence with the Wright family.



Gertrude T. Mostert

Gertrude T. Mostert passed away at the Delhi Rehabilitation and Nursing Center Tuesday, Dec. 27, 2022.

Gert was born July 27, 1934 in Windham to James and Beatrice Tweedie. She graduated from Delaware Academy High School and the Agricultural and Technical College at Delhi. She married Richard Mostert on March 11, 1954 in Delhi and they moved to California while Dick was in the Air Force. Returning to Delhi, she was employed for more than 20 years by O'Connor Hospital, working in medical records and as a medical secretary.

Gert was a member of the First Presbyterian Church Delhi for 70 years.

Gert is survived by her children Terry (Deb) Mostert and Cindy Mostert; grandchildren Nick (Lisa) Mostert, Becky (Kyle) Hull, Shannon (Brent) Caron, Jeremiah (Sara) Anderson and Katie (Miguel Duran) Anderson; and great-grandchildren Brookley, Wyatt, Madison, Alexis, Makayla, Lucas and Chloe. She is also survived by her sisters Linda Shepard and Marge Tweedie, as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins.

Gert was predeceased by her husband, Dick, and her son, Gordon.

Gert will be remembered as someone who loved to give handmade gifts to others. She especially loved to send greeting cards. Most of all, she loved large family gatherings.

The family would like to send a very special thank you to Nancy and Darlene for the very helpful caregiving they gave to our mother, grandmother and great grandmother for many years.

Contributions in Gertrude Mostert's name can be made to Heart of The Catskills Humane Society, 46610 State Highway 10, Delhi, NY 13753.

For the convenience of the family, a memorial service will be held at a later date.

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A Transportation Plan for Delaware County is being developed. Your input is important to developing a plan to meet the needs of our county. Take a moment to respond to the brief Delaware County Transit Study Survey at www.surveymonkey.com/r/Del-CoTransitStudy.

Last week's trivia question: On Dec. 24 of what year did Erastus Root pass away in New York City? Erastus Root died on Christmas Eve in 1846.

This week's trivia question: On Jan. 1, 1934, fire damaged what building in Delhi?

Community volunteer of the week is Dave Arehart. Thank you to Dave for assisting the town of Delhi to help to keep the chemical room for the pool above freezing. His help was greatly appreciated.

For the winter months, the Delhi's Farmers Market will be held every Wednesday at the Delhi American Legion from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m.

There will be Bingo at the American Legion, 41 Page Avenue, every Wednesday starting at 7 p.m. Sales will be starting between 6 and 6:30 p.m. You must be 18 or older to play.

The village of Delhi will hold its monthly board of trustees

meeting Thursday, Jan. 5 at 5:30 p.m. at the village hall, 9 Court Street. The town of Delhi will hold its monthly board meeting Monday, Jan. 9 at 7 p.m. at the town hall, 5 Elm Street.

The town of Delhi has partnered with Nixle for a real-time notification system that communicates with residents for local emergency situations and relevant alerts, advisories, and community messages. The town can communicate with residents through a system that coordinates phone calls, texts, emails, and notifications through the Everbridge app. There are several ways to register to receive these communications. Find the link and sign up at townofdelhiny.org, search 13753 in the Everbridge app, text 13753 to 888777 from your mobile phone, or call 746-TOWN to sign up. Alert messages are critically important information where the loss of life and/or property is potentially imminent. Messages could include severe weather warnings, dangerous situations, and health alerts. Alert messages will be sent by voice call to your home phone number, text message to your mobile number, and email. Advisory messages are intended

to communicate important, need-to-know information. Messages could include road alerts or local giveaways. Advisory messages will be sent by text and email unless you have only provided your home phone. Community messages will be used to convey town meetings, everyday local happenings, and developments. Community messages will be sent to email only. If residents with landline phones want to receive advisory and community messages over the phone, they need to sign up by calling 607-746-TOWN. View recent messages sent at local.nixle.com/town-of-delhi.

The Delaware County Department of Public Works reports that Christmas trees, with ornaments, tinsel or other decorations removed, may be brought to the Solid Waste Management Center in Walton, and placed with clean wood. Evergreen trees are also accepted by many farmers (do not drop them off without asking the farmer first!) for livestock feed and enrichment or they can be thrown into the woods on your property for natural decomposition and wildlife habitat. In addition to Christmas trees, the DelCo

Solid Waste facility also accepts loose - not bagged - brush and limbs in the clean wood area of the SWMC. All of these items are accepted at no charge to Delaware County residents. If you aren't sure if something goes in the recycling bin or the trash can, contact Tyson Robb, Delaware County DPW - Solid

Waste Coordinator at tyson.robbs@co.delaware.ny.us. For more info about the Delaware County Solid Waste Management Center and accepted items, visit www.co.delaware.ny.us/departments/sw/sw.htm, or call 607-865-5805, ext. 216.

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Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax	Grantor	Location	Grantee	Transfer Tax
December 27, 2022				December 29, 2022			
GOTTHARDT WILLIAM F JR (SURV TENANT)	FRANKLIN	KRUSZYNSKI KEVIN	240.00	KARNS NADINE J	DAVENPORT	STOOP KIRSTEN	1,740.00
RETALLICK SHIRLEY (SURV TENANT)		GOTTHARDT THOMAS P SR				STOOP JEFFREY	
RETALLICK GRANT (SURV TENANT OF)				WILLIAMS DOREEN	WALTON	BUTLER TRAVIS	0.00
GOTTHARDT WINIFRED A (SURV TENANT OF)				ADAM ROBERT JR	DAVENPORT	SPENSIERI MAURICE J	100.00
58 WEST MAIN ST LLC	SIDNEY	GOBLE GLENN	264.00	ADAM LINDA		SPENSIERI ANNA	
FLANNERY EVELYN	WALTON	GABBY RAY INC	1,100.00	QUADRI ABDULHADI	SIDNEY	MARTIN DANIELLE	940.00
PENSCO TRUST CO (CUSTODIAN FBO)				REINERT STEPHEN J	ANDES	REINERT JAMES (TR)	0.00
DANIEL A LIDDLE IRA (BY CUSTODIAN)						STEPHEN J REINERT	
BALLARD JOSEPH A	DAVENPORT	BALLARD JOSEPH F	0.00			IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED	
		BALLARD MICHAEL H		RICKMAN HALE G	MIDDLETOWN	DECEMBER 16 2022 (BY TR)	
		BALLARD JOSEPH A (LIFE USE)				RICKMAN HALE (TR)	0.00
SMITH ANNE	WALTON	TERPSTRA DAREN	300.00			HALE RICKMAN REVOCABLE	
HASS HOLDINGS LLC	SIDNEY	HASS HOLDINGS LLC	0.00	MERCHANT DONALD H (SEE INST)	DAVENPORT	LIVING TRUST (BY TR)	
		HASS HANS (LIFE USE)		MERCHANT ELIZABETH A (BY ATTY)		KIRBY EVAN	640.00
HASS HOLDINGS LLC	SIDNEY	HASS HOLDINGS LLC	0.00	MERCHANT MATTHEW L (ATTY)		KIRBY ASHLEY	
		HASS HANS (LIFE USE)		WELLS FARGO BANK NA	DEPOSIT	SECRETARY OF HOUSING AND	0.00
HASS HANS	SIDNEY	HASS HOLDINGS LLC	0.00			URBAN DEVELOPMENT	
		HASS HANS (LIFE USE)		MCKISSICK KYRA L	DAVENPORT	BERLAI OLGA	680.00
HASS HANS	SIDNEY	GARCIA CARLOS	0.00	MCKISSICK MATTHEW D			
		HASS HANS (LIFE USE)					
GRANFORS TIMOTHY	SIDNEY	BARTELS STUART	390.00	December 30, 2022			
GRANFORS PATRICIA		BARTELS MICHELE		REINSTEIN STANLEY	SIDNEY	GREISCH MARK	840.00
BANK OF NEW YORK MELLON TRUST	FRANKLIN	MUDASSAR MOHAMMAD	416.00	REINSTEIN ADELE			
COMPANY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION				LYNCH JOHN (SEE INST)	BOVINA	LYNCH JOHN JR	0.00
(FKA/BY ATTY)				LYNCH PATRICIA A		LYNCH RYAN	
BANK OF NEW YORK TRUST COMPANY NA						LYNCH CHRISTOPHER	
(SUCC/BY ATTY)				MORGANTE ROSEMARIE (EXR)	BOVINA	LYNCH PATRICIA A (LIFE ESTATE)	
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK NA (TR/BY ATTY)				TRACY TIMOTHY (EXR OF/EST OF)		TRACY RICHARD E	0.00
RESIDENTIAL ASSET MORTGAGE				TRACY TIMOTHY F (AKA)			
PRODUCTS INC (BY TR/BY ATTY)				TRIPODI DANIELE JOHN (AKA)	MIDDLETOWN	DANIELE JOHN TRIPODI LIVING	0.00
NEWREZ LLC (ATTY/FKA/BY ATTY)				TRIPODI VIRGINIA		TRUST DATED 11/9/22 (BY TR)	
NEW PENN FINANCIAL LLC (DBA/ATTY/BY ATTY)				TRIPODI DANIELE J		VIRGINIA TRIPODI LIVING	
SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING (ATTY/BY ATTY)						TRUST DATED 11/9/22 (BY TR)	
PHH MORTGAGE CORPORATION (ATTY/SBM)						TRIPODI VIRGINIA (AS TR)	
OCWEN LOAN SERVICING LLC (ATTY)						TRIPODI JOHN (AS TR)	
LACITIGNOLA DOMINICK	ANDES	LACITIGNOLA DOMINICK	0.00	PAGANO AUBRIE R	MIDDLETOWN	SOFGE LIZZI	1,580.00
LACITIGNOLA JOHN JR						SOFGE ROBERT ALAN	
GRAY EVERETT C	HAMDEN	PERRY ALEX M	0.00	ADAMS JAMES H (ADMIN)	COLCHESTER	MORREALE NICHOLAS	872.00
LOUIS GABRIEL JR	WALTON	VALENTIN CHANTAL C	0.00	DONAHUE RAY LAWRENCE (ADMIN OF)		DARPA RACHEL M	
VALENTIN CHANTAL C				(EST OF)		LOPRESTI JOHN	
CANGERO ROCCO	FRANKLIN	CAPOZZI ANGELA	0.00	KANDEL PAUL	COLCHESTER	LOPRESTI DOMINIQUE	0.00
BROWN CARL	HAMDEN	GREER WENDY D (TR)	0.00			KANDEL FAMILY REVOCABLE	0.00
BROWN FLORENCE		BROWN FAMILY IRREVOCABLE				LIVING TRUST DATED 12/17/22 (BY TRS)	
		TRUST U/A DATED DECMEBER 14 2022 (BY TR)				KANDEL PAUL (TR)	
MARUCA ITALO	DAVENPORT	TAS RITA M	780.00	WOOD KENNETH (SEE INST)	WALTON	KANDEL JUDITH EMILIE (TR)	
CHILSON MICHAEL ALLEN	DAVENPORT	PASA LOGAN R	540.00	WOOD SHIRLEY L		ANDERSON RODNEY	434.00
OCONNELL DANIEL	HARPERSFIELD	HILL MICHELE KAREN	1,236.00	DAVIS JOAN L (IND)(EXX)	WALTON	ANDERSON LAURIE A	
ZIMMERMAN ALEXIS				DAVIS KEATH E (EXX OF/EST OF)		DAVIS SCOTT	0.00
GARDNER RANDY M	HAMDEN	MASON CAMERON	620.00	DAVIS KEATH E (EXX OF/EST OF)	WALTON	DAVIS TERESA	
GARDNER CRYSTAL N				DAVIS JOAN L (IND)(EXX)		DAVIS SCOTT	0.00
MEOLA MARGARET A	COLCHESTER	MARZANO MICHAEL	980.00	DAVIS JOAN (IND)(EXX)	WALTON	DAVIS TERESA	
HALLOWELL THOMAS A		MARZANO SARAH		DAVIS KEATH E (EXX OF/EST OF)		DAVIS SCOTT	0.00
				TIFFANY DOUGLAS (EXR)	DEPOSIT	DAVIS TERESA	
December 28, 2022				TIFFANY CORDELIA H (EXR OF)		TIFFANY RICHARD LEE	0.00
MILLER MARK R	MEREDITH	MILLER ANTHONY J	0.00	IADEVAIA JOSEPH D	HARPERSFIELD	IADEVAIA DOMENICK	200.00
MILLER VALERIE (SEE INST)				TILP LAURISSA (NKA)	MIDDLETOWN	VANONI LAURISSA	0.00
MILLER MARK R	MEREDITH	MILLER ANTHONY J	0.00	VANONI LAURISSA		VANONI FREDERICK	
MILLER ANTHONY J				CHERNIAK MARIIA	SIDNEY	MAZZARELLA CASEY-LYNNE	424.00
BERNARD ALBERT F (AKA)	DAVENPORT	BRIGGS BERNALD L JR	622.00			IVERSEN JOHANNA L	
BERNARD ALBERT F JR		BRIGGS LEONA I		January 3, 2023			
BERNARD ANDREW				BERNARD ALBERT F	DAVENPORT	MONTGOMERY CLARENCE D JR	32.00
BERNARD ALBERT F				BERNARD ALBERT F (AKA)			
GEORGE ROY L	MIDDLETOWN	GEORGE ROY L	0.00	BERNARD ALBERT F JR			
GEORGE KATHLEEN A		GEORGE KATHLEEN A		BERNARD ANDREW		PINKEY JILL E	640.00
RAMA DAVID M	DELHI	RAMA MICHAEL J	0.00	EKLUND FARMS INC	STAMFORD	BANKER LOUIS J	680.00
RAMA MERRY J		RAMA HANNAH M		SHAVIER SANDRA KAY	COLCHESTER	CHAOJAREON JENNA O (TR)	0.00
WHITTAKER ELAINE KAY	DELHI	CHILELLI JOHN ANTHONY	420.00	OLECHNOWICZ VINCE S (AKA)	DELHI	OLECHNOWICZ FAMILY TRUST	
STEIN ROBERT L	STAMFORD	STEIN ROBERT L (TR)	0.00	OLECHNOWICZ VINCENT S		OLECHNOWICZ FAMILY TRUST	
STEIN CYNTHIA L		STEIN CYNTHIA L (TR)		OLECHNOWICZ NANCY D		DATED NOVEMBER 22 2022 (BY TR)	
		ROBERT L STEIN REVOCABLE				JACKSON HOLE HOLDINGS	1,340.00
		TRUST (BY TRS)		WHITTAKER DOUGLAS A	FRANKLIN	LLC	
STRIPP RUDOLPH	STAMFORD	CYNTHIA L STEIN REVOCABLE		OHARA ELLEN M			
STRIPP DIANE		TRUST (BY TRS)		WHITTAKER CYNTHIA L (SEE INST)		CREWS CARRIE DANNELLE	1,120.00
		SHAPIRO STEPHANIE	0.00	GILCH ROBERT J	STAMFORD		
		BARNES SARAH		GILCH AMY (AKA)			
		STRIPP RUDOLPH (LIFE USE)		BEACH AMY			
CWC HOLDINGS II LLC	STAMFORD	STRIPP DIANE (LIFE USE)		WALKER LESLEY (TR)	HANCOCK	SANKOFA GLOBAL	860.00
SINGLETARY RICHARD O (ADMIN)	DELHI	DELAWARE INN HOLDINGS LLC	1,320.00	WALKER PHYLLIS (TR)		ENTERPRISES LLC	
JONES JASPER L (ADMIN OF/EST OF)		THOMSON CROSS REALTY LLC	840.00	VELEY MOLLY (TR)			
MOLYNEUX CRAIG T	COLCHESTER			WALKER TYLER (TR)			
		STIVALY JAMES	140.00	LESLEY AND PHYLLIS WALKER			
		STIVALY DALE		IRREVOCABLE FAMILY TRUST (BY TRS)			
DUBBEN BROTHERS INC	DELHI	FERRELLGAS LP	300.00	FRISBEE RONALD L	DELHI	JOHNSON CHELSEA (TR)	0.00
TEN SECOND STREET LLC	DELHI	STATHAM DONALD J	1,560.00			RONALD L FRISBEE	
		STATHAM HENRIETTA				IRREVOCABLE TRUST DATED	
		CIANCIO DANIEL	0.00			DECEMBER 20 2022 (BY TRS)	
CIANCIO PAUL	MEREDITH					FRISBEE GIDEON WT (TR)	
CIANCIO NICOLO (SEE INST)							